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DAN MOULDER-COUNTRY PREACHER DELUXE-TO RETIRE Has Traveled 1,000,000 Miles, Preached 17,543 Sermons

By Margie P. McCall

When Rev. Dan Moulder retires early in 1948, he will lay aside the heavy duties of an active pastorate of more than 52 years. "Preacher Moulder," as he is widely known, will not quit preaching—he will preach at special engagements as long as he is able. On November 26 he was 80 years of age. One of the happy days of his life was spent that day among his friends and family.

Many are the experiences that have been his since he was licensed to preach at Goodwater church in July, 1896. Weather meant nothing to this rural minister. From the days when he rode horseback to his appointments, nothing prevented his arrival on time except some accident or emergency over which he had no control. In the long ago he was a familiar and beloved figure as he drove down the dusty roads, or labored through the mud, often studying his Bible as the faithful horse plodded on the journey.

Probably "Preacher Moulder" has been known by more children than
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REV. D. W. MOULDER

A Voice From A Lonesome Jail CONDEMNED KILLER WRITES LETTER TO ALL SINNERS

Editor's Note: The letter reproduced below was published in a recent issue of the American Baptist. It is from a young man in jail who is condemned to be electrocuted for the murder of State Senator Emmett Buckley of Enterprise. The murder was committed while under the influence of liquor.

Hello To All Sinners:

While sitting here in this little cell, thinking how wonderful the Lord is, I want to talk to all sinners and tell you what sins will do. Believe me, friends, because this is a true letter, and written by my own hand. And I have had plenty of experience with the devil. I let him lead me 22 years. Sure I would let him lead me into beer joints and honkytonks and night clubs, and all kind of hell holes, because I didn't know the Lord Jesus. I was living like the most of you are living today. The devil can lead you into trouble but he can't show you the way out, because he's trouble all the way.

Friends, look what sin got me in. Please change your ways. You think you are having a good time. You don't know what a good time is until you make peace with God, and accept Jesus as your Saviour. Jesus is your only Saviour. I'm trying to tell you. Look what the devil led me into. You have heard about the electric chair. I'm condemned to death, to die in that chair. That is what sin has done for me.

Yes, I was out there where you are now, doing the same things all sinners do. Won't go to church or Sunday School, or if a preacher tries to talk to you, won't listen to him. But if some one comes around with a bottle of whiskey or some filthy talk, you will listen. You won't

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GREAT PROGRAM OFFERED LAYMEN LEADERS, PASTORS ARE CHALLENGED

By E. D. Hurst

Mississippi Baptists have formed and offer our people a great Christian missionary program for the New Year. The program undertakes to comprehend all of the Baptist work in the Co-operative program, and offers a challenging goal for this united effort of the churches. Much of the work is not provided for in the goal of One Million Dollars for the co-operative program next year. Large designated gifts will be made to augment the money for Baptist work in the State and in the South and in foreign fields. A worthy goal for an extensive work in State Missions has been set and given to the several divisions of the organized work of the denomination. Every department of the denominational program is expected to do a more extensive work than ever before, and in cooperation with the churches and organized associations, and in many places using volunteer helpers, the work will be enlarged and great achievements may be expected. A great deal of extension work in missions is expected in the individual churches and associations. It is now imperative that Baptists lose no time and spare no money in the field of State Missions. The "field is white un-

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Executive Committee Plans 1948 Denominational Program Recommends 50% Allocation To Foreign Missions In 1948

Dr. Merrill D. Moore Elected Director of Promotion

TITHING, COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, SPIRITUAL REVIVAL,
BALL PARK MEETING, LARGE GIFTS ARE OBJECTIVES

Dr. Kyle M. Yates Is
Radio Hour Speaker
Series Begins Jan. 4, 7:30 AM



DR. KYLE M. YATES

Atlanta, December 26 — "Divine Light for Daily Living" is the theme of "The Baptist Hour" for 1948, to be heard over a network of 60 stations at 7:30 Central Standard Time every Sunday mornnig January through March. Dr. Kyle M. Yates of Houston, Texas, opens the series on January 4 with the subject, "Faith for Forty-Eight."

Dr. Yates, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Houston, will also be heard on the succeeding Sundays in January on "Love - God to Man," "Repentance - Man to God," and "Justice - Man to Man."

Other speakers in the series will be Dr. Casper C. Warren, Charlotte, N.

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Approve Official Publication For Northern Baptists

CLEVELAND — (RNS) — Publication of an official organ for the Northern Baptist Convention was approved by the denomination's General Council at its mid-year meeting here.

The council voted a tentative budget of \$200,000 for the journal to begin
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will recommend to the Convention in Memphis next May that 50 per cent of 1947 Southwide undesignated denominational funds be given to the Foreign Mission Board for spread of the gospel around the world.

Increase in the foreign mission allocation from 46 per cent to the 50 per cent objective is made possible by the generous co-operation of the Home Mission Board and the Relief and Annuity Board in reduction of their allocations that additional money may be available for foreign work in these years of world crisis. The Home Mission Board allocation will be reduced by 1.5 per cent (to 16.5 per cent) and the Relief and Annuity Board 2.5 per cent (to 12.5 per cent) if the Convention adopts the budget recommendations.

Rev. Merrill D. Moore elected Director of Promotion

Other highlights of the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Committee include the election of Rev. Merrill D. Moore, Nashville pastor, as Director of Promotion and Associate Secretary, and the projection of an inclusive promotion program for the churches in 1948.

Mr. Moore will fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Dr. J. E. Dillard last June, and in addition will assume
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The Washington Review

By Larston D. Farrar
CHURCH LEADERS WATCH
PROGRESS OF STOP-GAP
AID PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The re-opening of Congress was featured by enough statements from typical legislators to let church representatives here know that the stop-gap program would be voted without much trouble during the special session.

But the same church lobbyists know that President Harry S. Truman's so-called domestic program doesn't have a chance of being enacted, either in the special session or in the forthcoming regular session, which will come up after the Christmas holidays.

The outlook during the next several months for legislation in which many
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Put The Baptist Record In Your Church Budget

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PLANS 1948 DENOMINATIONAL PROGRAM

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duties as associate to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Moore is a native of Mississippi and was educated at Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been pastor of churches at Selma, Alabama, and Newport. He was president of Tennessee College for Women two years.

Mr. Moore has been a member of the Executive Committee for six years, serving throughout the time as chairman of its investment committee. He has served the Southern Baptist Convention earlier as member of the Social Service Commission and the Relief and Annuity Board. He is at present a member of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, a trustee of Cumberland University, and a member of the Southern Baptist Foundation. He is married and has a son, Merrill Jr., age 14.

Recommendations For 1948

Recommendations for the year 1948, all of which were adopted unanimously, include:

"That emphasis upon tithing be continued and 'Every Baptist a Tither' be the goal for this year and all the years to come.

"That churches be urged to continue their wholehearted support of the Co-operative Program, increasing their gifts to missions in proportion to increased receipts from the tithing appeal.

"That an effort be made for a spiritual revival among our people, directed through the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, and that an evangelistic emphasis in all the churches this spring be climaxed by a great evangelistic service in the Memphis ball park, Sunday afternoon, May 21, during the Southern Baptist Convention.

"That our people be urged to give much time to prayer during 1948, cooperating in the proposal for New Year's Eve prayer services in all the churches and co-operating with the Baptist World Alliance president's suggestion that every Baptist 'Pray at Eight each morning in '48'.

"That the Executive Committee offices promote through information and enlistment the observance of all special days in the Calendar of Co-ordinated Denominational Activities.

"That one Sunday in the year be designated as Enlistment Day in the churches, at which time every member will be asked to pledge loyalty to the church program, and to offer personal service for places of church leadership, to pledge the tithe, and to pledge to the 1949 church budget.

"That special effort be made to secure large gifts for all or any of our causes through the Southern Baptist Foundation and the respective state foundations, special attention being given to wills and bequests.

"That churches be encouraged to identify their church buildings by a sign, nameplate, bulletin board, or other appropriate marking. Editor's Note: They have urged this for years.

"That Southern Baptists co-operate heartily in the observance of Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 1, 1948, including the taking of an offering to be divided equally between continued relief for our stricken fellow-Baptists and the current operation budget of the Alliance."

The Allocations Committee looked to a minimum overall Southwide goal of \$10,000,000 for 1949, of which \$7,500,000 would be undesignated Co-operative Program receipts.

The recommendation provided that distributable receipts above \$4,000,000 be distributed according to capital needs as defined by a 1945 Survey Committee.

Recommend For Negro Hospital
An items of \$20,000 for National

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to harvest" and cannot be neglected. Every unit must respond with the means and the program to meet the challenge in Christian missions now.

Christian education through our denominational schools must be paramount in the basic work of Christian missions, and Mississippi Baptists have the resources and the opportunity to make the greatest advance ever achieved in Christian education. Mississippi Baptist resources are in the increased incomes of more than 330,000 members in more than 1500 Baptist churches in the state. The expansion work and enlargement of four colleges must be completed and well formed basic programs launched to provide efficient and fully prepared leadership for the churches and mission fields of the denomination. Mississippi Baptists ought to have a parallel to the One Million Dollars Co-operative program and launch a One Million Dollars per year goal for our Baptist institutions. More buildings and better buildings, and more equipment and better equipment, and more teachers and better paid teachers and workers in all of our Baptist institutions must be provided. Our leaders and pastors and members all realize this need if we are to make progress.

The Laymen of our churches have a challenge to a great Christian work. The Brotherhood as a unit in our denomination has thrust upon it the opportunity and the challenge to do something BIG for the cause of the church and Christian mission in this state. The denomination in this state has a thousand men who can give at least a Thousand Dollars per year each each for this great work, and begin in 1948. "A Thousand Men for A Million Dollars for Christian Mission through Baptist Institutions in Mississippi" ought to be a slogan for the Baptist Brotherhood. This does not account for the tens of thousands with smaller gifts for enlarged programs. Our people need to take an inventory and enlisted to "go places" in the work for Christ in this state.

The challenge is first to the leaders and pastors. A realization of the needs on the part of these groups ought to enlist the laymen and the resources to accomplish the job. Our Baptist laymen with means - some money over and above current needs - have the opportunity and the privilege to lead the way to a great Christian victory in missions in the work of Christ. Is there no watchman on the tower? Is there no appeal to lead men to invest in Christian missions? The challenge is in the hands of Mississippi Baptists. To fail will be tragic! To venture and to win will be glorious! What will Mississippi Baptists volunteer to do in 1948? That is the question.

Baptist Hospital for Negroes, now projected at Hot Springs, Ark., was included in the proposed 1949 Convention Budget.

A survey was authorized wherein all Southern Baptist pastors will be asked to answer "a questionnaire relating to the expenditure of all Southwide funds, together with such other information as may be desirable in relation to the Southwide program of Southern Baptists, with a view to the utilization of the collective counsel of our brethren throughout the South in the furtherance of our worldwide task."



Shown in the pictures: Dan Moulder, in the buggy, in which he traveled before the days of good roads in south Mississippi, often studying the Bible as he went; Mrs. Moulder helps as he seeks to get his car out of the mud in the period when many country roads were impassable in winter.

DAN MOULDER-COUNTRY PREACHER DELUXE-TO RETIRE

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any man in this area. They would watch for him on his "preaching days" and wave as he passed by, or rejoice over his visit if he had time to stop for a moment. In a biography written by his son, Rev. C. S. Moulder, many thrilling and exciting adventures are recounted of the early days, including the time storms blocked the roads as he was on his way to perform a marriage ceremony, causing him to walk for miles—and the time he narrowly escaped being hit by a bullet from an outlaw's gun as he drove along the road one dark night.

Practically his entire ministry was in two counties, Smith and Simpson, with one pastorate each in Madison, Greene and George, two in Scott, three in Rankin and five in Jones and Covington. He has organized 17 churches and been pastor of 48.

One blessing of his life about which he rejoices centers around the 74 young men who have entered the ministry under his preaching. Among "his sons-in-the-ministry" are Leo Eddleman, Barney Padgett, W. A. Sullivan, Ellis Sullivan, Carey Vinzant, Oscar Boone, Leonard Arender, Barney Bradshaw, Henry Bradshaw, Austin Cooper, E. J. Compere, M. Chapman, Hulet Curry, Truett Dukes, Abb Easterling, Collins Gates, Mack Hughes, Alex Hughes, Clarence Hughes, Bennie Hilbun, Bruce Hilbun, Ray Hayman, Hardy Hawkins, G. Henderson, L. Horsley, Bill Hegwood, Evon Ingram, David Kennedy, Otis McNeese, Zollie McAlpin, W. Meadows, W. Nix, S. Nix, W. Neil, Pierce Powell, Dan Powell, Clyde Parkman, James Purvis, Martin Richardson, Tom Richardson, Ed Richardson, Jeff Loper, W. Mott, V. McNeese, J. McNeese, Jimmie Roberts, W. H. Roberts, Chapman Sullivan, Rexie Sandifer, John Stroud, Lamar Searcy, Joe Terry, Cleveland Thornton, Robert Thompson, Wallace Thompson, Robert Upton, Luther Upton, James Weeks, Albert Wells, Guy Winstead, Bert Winstead, E. G. Faltman, and others.

In addition to these, State Evangelist B. H. Benton is listed, and Chester Moulder, a son.

During his ministry, Dan Moulder has travelled over 1,000,000 miles—as he says, "more than 40 times around the world." He has preached 17,534 sermons, baptized 5,153 people, married 412 couples and conducted 2,556 funerals. Visits to the sick and shut-ins reached 18,000.

While "going about doing good," as he believed his Master did, he has worn out 23 automobiles, among these,



seven Fords, 15 Chevrolets and one Plymouth.

The text which has been Dan Moulder's favorite, and from which he has probably preached most is found in Luke 9:35, "This is My beloved Son, hear Him." His favorite song is "Amazing Grace."

Mrs. Moulder was the former Unia Hawkins and has been a true help-mate to her husband during the years, having a real share in the success of his work. Their children have grown up into useful and active Christians. Chester, the preacher son, has a few copies left of the biography of his father, and by writing him at Hattiesburg, one may be secured. If you start the story, it will be hard to stop reading — for indeed a adventure, bravery, unselfish service and a driving devotion to God is combined in the record of "Dan Moulder, Country Preacher Deluxe."

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A VOICE FROM A LONESOME JAIL

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want to miss any of it. You are hell-mound, if you don't change. I pray that this letter will help someone to turn to Jesus. I accepted Jesus in this cell, and I know I am saved, and I pray and read the Bible every day, and I am very happy because I know Heaven is my home. But look what it would have meant to me if I had known Jesus before I got in trouble, I wouldn't be in here. So, friends, I'm telling you where you can change now, before you get this far gone. The good Lord will hear you anywhere you are if you will be a child of His.

Think about this little boy up here in jail—might not have but a few more weeks here on earth trying to help you to understand what sin will do for any one who lets the devil lead them. I'm doing this because the Lord wants me to.

The electric chair is bad and you know it is hot, but it won't last but a few minutes. But that chair is cool beside hell where you will burn forever and ever if you die in sin. And, friends, you don't know what minute you will have to go. So, friends, there is an eternal home in heaven waiting for you, if you will confess your sins and accept Jesus as your Saviour and be waiting for Him when He calls for you. I'm doing my part, won't you do yours?

Please accept Jesus now, today. He loves you—don't you love Him? Get off that crooked road; get on that straight way today. The holy light will shine on you all the way and lead you to that eternal home in Heaven above. May God bless and keep each and every one and I will be praying for you; so pray for.

So, if anybody will write me, I will appreciate it.

Wallis Hamburg

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

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"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12

In Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God," we have four of the greatest words ever written. We would expect the greatest book in the world to begin with four such great words. Go back, back, back in point of time and sooner or later you will of necessity stand upon the doorsteps that lead to the fact of God as the First Cause, Himself uncaused. Standing at the rail of a great ocean liner plying the bosom of the deep, looking out upon restless waters, just one word has come to our lips, namely, God. Standing in the vastness of a great forest, just one word has come to our lips, namely, God. Awed by the dizzy heights of the Rocky Mountains, just one word has come to our lips, namely, God. "The Heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handiwork." Psalm 19:1.

How do I know that a man or a camel passed my house last night?

Answer: By the tracks they left in the sand. One looks at a watch and thinks of the watchmaker. One looks out upon the universe and thinks of the maker of the universe, namely, God!

Now let Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists, all of us and each of us, at the beginning of the year and from now forward walk with God. Enoch walked with God. Genesis 5:24. We may walk with God!

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The Clarke College Campaign will press us in more ways than one, but we are happy to do some of the work and also some of the giving! We have had to change our schedule for our column and also for promotional advertising. In this issue, after counsel with the editor, we are using not over four extra pages for which we are paying in bringing some matters we feel you will want to see such as Convention Board proceedings, other sample church budgets, the report of the Baptist Building Committee and so forth.

II

We were finishing nine years of service with the Convention Board. It had been a service of love with the cooperation of Mississippi Baptists and under the hand of the Lord to try to lead in building a great organization worthy of the work at hand. During all this time, we had never asked for a committee from the Convention Board to come into our Baptist Building and really study the set-up. Before Christmas we asked for the permission of the executive Committee for Mr. John D. Davis, the president of the board, to name a Baptist Building committee here to come into the building and talk with every employee as they studied the work. They did this very thing. Starting with the Executive Secretary, office secretaries, department heads, field workers, bookkeepers, mailing clerks, janitors, printers, and others.

One department head after another has said it was one of the finest things they have known to be done.

Had anything been wrong within this building we certainly would not have asked for a committee to come here. We knew things were right within the Baptist Building but at the same time we realized improvements might still

be made looking toward greater service.

The members of the committee did their work well. As a matter of fact, we have not seen a finer one. We herewith present the report as adopted unanimously by the Convention Board.

REPORT OF THE BAPTIST BUILDING COMMITTEE TO THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD--AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE

At the request of the Convention Board President, John D. Davis, and upon the authority of the Executive Committee, a committee made up of Dr. F. M. Purser, Dr. J. D. Ray, and brethren W. L. Meadows, Robert Martin, A. L. Gatewood, Fred B. Bookter, and Virgil Ratcliff met in the prayer room at Baptist Headquarters at 4:00 p. m. Thursday, November 6, 1947, to make a study of the work heading up in the Baptist building and report to the Convention Board. Dr. F. M. Purser was elected chairman, and Virgil Ratcliff was elected secretary of the committee.

After a thorough study of all the departmental work which heads up in the Baptist Building, and after interviewing all of the department heads and many of the workers in the building, the Committee is happy to make the report that there is progress in all of the departments, and that a beautiful spirit of fellowship and Christian cooperation exists.

We commend heartily our Executive Secretary and all of his co-workers for the excellent work that is being done, and for the marvellous record which has been made in 1947. We especially call attention to the splendid leadership of our Executive Secretary. His ability to correlate all of our work and unify it into an outstanding whole has been one of his notable achievements. In the light of his work, and the work of his co-laborers, we thank God, we take courage, and we go forward.

After a thorough study, we make the following recommendations. We recommend:

1. That, hereafter, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board adopt a budget on the basis of the convention fiscal year.

2. That the dummy for the Baptist Record be prepared by the Editor of the Baptist Record instead of leaving it largely to the printer.

3. That the Baptist Record Editor continue his present policy of sending the bulk of the material daily, preceding each week of publication.

We further recommend that the deadline for all but emergency material be fixed at noon Monday. We further recommend that the deadline for all matter be fixed at noon Tuesday, and that this late emergency material be limited to one galley.

4. We recommend that the departments having regular space in the Record get their copy to the Editor by Tuesday of the week preceding the date of publication. This does not include emergency material from the various departments.

5. That we request the Business Manager of the Baptist Record and the chairman of this committee, Dr. F. M. Purser, that they study Post Office regulations concerning the mailing of the Baptist Record and that we com-

ply with all Post Office regulations.

6. That we commend the printer of the Baptist Record for the splendid service rendered in printing the Baptist Record.

7. That, in view of the urgent needs of all our work and the constant demand for laborers, all the departments continue to attempt to stay within their expense accounts and keep them at a minimum.

8. That the Executive Secretary consider the advisability of securing additional secretarial and bookkeeping help.

9. We further recommend that-as our conviction-a personnel director-or a business manager-be secured at the earliest possible date.

10. That the Executive Secretary consider the possibility of providing a private office for the Minister's Retirement Fund Department.

Respectfully and prayerfully -

The Committee -

F. M. Purser, Chairman

J. D. Ray

Fred B. Bookter

W. L. Meadows

A. L. Gatewood

Robert Martin

Virgil Ratcliff, Secretary.

III

Following the Board Meeting, we had delightful fellowship and refreshment Thursday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Neal. Their son and daughter, Jack, Jr., and Margie were present. These have been great friends through the years and some of the finest church helpers we have known. Their new pastor and wife at Daniel Church, Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Todd were present. They are already leading the church out in a very fine way, and we recognize them as one of our finest younger preacher couples. Rev. and Mrs. Howard Aultman and the very important infant member of their family were also present. Brother Aultman is one of our most popular and able pastors, and his wife is a fine helper.

IV

THE LAST WEEK OF OUR LORD'S MINISTRY AND CRUCIFIXION

The last night before the crucifixion of Jesus is just ahead. It is passover time. Luke 22:7-16 and 24-30. Jesus gives instruction for preparing for the passover. While they are under the shadow of this great religious feast they start fussing among themselves as to who is the greatest. Most church fusses and most denominational fusses we have known have centered around the same thing. If we are more concerned with Him and His position, we will be less and less concerned over ourselves. It was in this atmosphere of strife that Jesus washed the feet of His disciples. John 13:1-20.

In the shadow of the Cross, Jesus then tells that Judas will betray Him and Peter will deny Him. John 13:21-38. Judas went out "and it was night." It was night for Judas! It was night for the multitude of the lost. It was night in that part of the world! In such a situation, Jesus says, "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to

another." Jesus then institutes the Lord's Supper. It is a memorial. Luke 22:17-20. I Corinthians 11:23-26.

Jesus then delivers messages as found in John, chapters 14, 15, 16 and 17. Which one of us has not found comfort in John 14? One, Heavenly home, verses two and three. Two, Heavenly Way, verse six. Three, Heavenly task, verse 12. Four, Heavenly fellowship, verse 23. Five, Heavenly peace, verse 27.

Chapter 15 is the great fruit bearing chapter. There are three stages in fruit bearing as, bearing fruit, bearing more fruit, and bearing much fruit. It is in the latter that the Father is glorified. Fruit is brought forth to glorify God and to prove discipleship. The relation of the branch to the vine is either superficial, formal, temporary, or non-fruit bearing, or deep, vital, permanent, and fruit bearing! The relation of the vine to the branch is in furnishing life to the branch and through the branch bearing fruit. In chapter 16, we have great teaching concerning the Holy Spirit for cooperative witnessing.

Chapter 17 is a great heart throbbing Lord's Prayer. First, He prays for Himself, then for His disciples, and third, for later believers. He prays for their (1) preservation, (2) sanctification, (3) unification, (4) glorification, and closes with words that throb with love. Suppose you find these things in these great chapters for yourselves!

"My Jesus, I Love Thee, I know Thou art mine, For Thee all the follies of sin I resign; My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

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Dr. Hewitt To Be Honored On Thirtieth Anniversary

Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor emeritus of the First Church, Jackson, will be honored on Sunday, Jan. 4th, at the morning worship service, upon the completion of 30 years association with the congregation, it was announced this week by the present pastor, W. Douglas Hudgins.

The anniversary Sunday is also Dr. Hewitt's birthday, and marks the exact date, 30 years ago, when he came to Jackson as pastor from the Cliff Temple Church, Dallas, Texas. Some eight men, now members of the church's active deacons, who were serving the church in similar capacity when Dr. Hewitt was called, are serving with the pastor in making plans for the recognition service.

Dr. Hewitt became pastor emeritus Jan. 1st., 1946, after 28 years of service, and the present pastor came to the field April 1st., of that year. Honored in the same service will be Mr. and Mrs. Reid Moore, and their son George. Mr. Moore begins his association with the church as director of music and recreation on the same day.

Many of Dr. Hewitt's friends, fellow-pastors, and associates in Mississippi Baptist circles will want to send telegrams or letters as such are to be prepared in a permanent record for presentation to the beloved leader. Pastor Hudgins suggests that all such messages be sent to him in care of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, so all may be presented to Dr. Hewitt in one volume.

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Our Thanks

We are grateful for the large number of friends who sent Christmas greetings. It is impossible to acknowledge all of them. We are asking all to accept these words as our thanks with the wish that 1948 may be the most prosperous year you have ever known both spiritually and materially.

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Christians, Beware

Mississippi Christians need to be awake to the untiring efforts of the liquor gang to legalize liquor in Mississippi. The time to head off enactment of such a bill is before not after. We urge every person who cares to contact personally, if possible their representatives and senators NOW. If unable to see in person, write them. They have not been neglected by those who desperately desire the legalization of liquor. That crowd will leave no stone unturned, and we believe but cannot prove, no dollar unoffered to put Mississippi in the whiskey business. They are well organized. Christians need not only to be organized, but to be busy in every way they know to make their side understood.

Of course all of us are familiar with the old pleas that the law is violated and thereby should be repealed. If this is a valid argument, the law against murder, robbery and drunken driving should be repealed for these laws are broken every day. More than once during the last few weeks we have read of some driver failing to stop for a school bus and injuring some innocent school child, in some cases killing them. Because this law is not obeyed 100 per cent should we repeal it?

Some say that prohibition has failed. Not so! In most places it has not been tried. Before the wets place the label of failure on prohibition, we should have laws that will provide for enforcement. We do not claim any extra legal knowledge, but it seems to us that what

we need is not repeal but a square deal. Let every liquorite and wet honestly vote some laws that will enable the dries to have law enforcement and then if the laws are not enforced they will have some slight reason for labeling prohibition a failure.

Nor is it true that the prohibition law cannot be enforced. We enforced the draft law. We enforce the income tax law. We enforce the narcotics law. At least we make an effort. During the war it was often said that certain people of influence and power were able to get soft jobs for their sons and friends but no effort was made to repeal the draft law because of these cases of alleged abuses.

In Lexington, Kentucky there is a hospital for the treatment of drug addicts. Drug victims are in every city and probably every community. They get much if not all of their drugs illegally. But the wets are not crying for the repeal of the narcotics law although it is not a complete success. There is such a thing as consistency.

Another argument put forth by the wets is that more liquor is sold under prohibition than if it were legal. Explain just one thing. If this is so, why do the wets put fourth such efforts to get a law passed making the sale of liquor legal. That argument just doesn't make sense.

It is reported that the wets are going to try to tie up legalization of liquor with the school fund. In other words, they plan to suggest that revenue from liquor be used to increase teachers' salaries. It is true that Mississippi is not as rich as some other states but neither is she so poor that she must use blood money (liquor license money) to educate her children. And if liquor is legalized there will be many children for whom no school provision need be made for their fathers will buy whiskey instead of clothes and brandy instead of bacon and wine instead of milk.

Again, to legalize liquor would make every person in Mississippi a one-share stockholder in the business. We do not wish to engage in such a business. We have seen too many homes broken, too many lives shattered, too many careers ruined, too many premature gray hairs on mothers' and wives' heads, too many unnecessary wrinkles on sorrow-furrowed faces. In fact, we do not want anything to do with the liquor business except to wipe it out. The results are the same whether the liquor is sold legally or illegally. It will make the user drunk and if enough of it is used the end will

be ruin, shame, disgrace and death.

Space does not permit treatment of the recent report of the state legislature's roving probe committee but some of their conclusions look suspicious to us. We call attention to the fact that they claim that much sales tax and income tax owed by bootleggers is not paid. But they do not suggest repeal of either law.

It is true that we have too much bootlegging in Mississippi—Any is too much. But the fact remains that there is less drinking in Mississippi than in sister states. Those who have visited New Orleans know that there is more drinking there than in Jackson. Prohibition at its worst is better than legalization at its best.

If we legalize liquor we should never drag a drunkard to court regardless of the crime. If we as a state sell him the stuff, we have no right to punish him for the consequences. Let's keep our skirts clear. There are some who will drink regardless but make it harder to get, not easier.

Let's stay out of the liquor business. Instead of repealing a law that has not had a fair chance in many places, we suggest some honest to goodness laws that will aid enforcement. But with apologies to Drew Pearson we predict that not one wet will vote to strengthen our prohibition laws.

Legalization will bring in some revenue but there must be drinkers to provide that revenue. That means constant replacement of the drinkers who die sooner than necessary because of drink. The only replacements are sons and daughters and fathers. Are you willing to furnish a son or a daughter.

—BR—

A Family Resolution For 1948

The dawning new year always has about it an exhilarating freshness. Even those who are well advanced in years know, for a brief time, something of the feeling of being young again. There is a disposition to close the door upon the yesterdays with their failures and disappointments and to feel that after all, life does offer the opportunity to start over again.

For this reason the coming of the new year becomes the time for the making of new resolutions, the disavowal of old ways of living and the pledging of one's self to a better way of life. Oftentimes, of course, these resolutions are later broken but nevertheless, there have been countless New Year's resolutions which have been faithfully kept by those who made them and the life of the world is

infinitely richer because of this habit.

Beyond any question every person should make certain resolutions as he stands upon the threshold of the new year, 1948. Furthermore groups of individuals should do the same thing. This is especially true of the family. Every family should sit down together in brief informal family council, as the new year dawns to make its resolutions for 1948. It should face its failures of the past year, and looking forward to the year ahead, frame its ideas of the things that it wants to do as a family. Even a small child could have a part in this family discussion of its plans for the coming year.

One of the most appropriate resolutions which any family can make for 1948 is the resolution that it will have regular family devotions in its home. This custom of family devotions is an old and honored one which was once common in Christian homes but which with the coming of the new day fell largely into disuse. Happily it is being revived today in thousands of homes. One of the most encouraging things to be noted in recent years in the realm of religion is the large increase of families observing regular family devotions. Oftentimes these devotions are very brief and simple but the value of them is beyond calculation.

After all, why should a family have family devotions? Surely not just for the sake of reviving an old custom. Rather there are certain adequate reasons why this should be the practice of every home.

First of all, the home owes it to God to observe family devotions. Family worship is a means whereby the family acknowledges its allegiance to the Heavenly Father. The Bible teaches that this is due Him, and our own hearts agree that He is worthy of our worship and of our love. The imperative, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him" rests upon the home as upon the individual. The home owes it to God to honor His name, and to speak His name with reverence within its walls. It owes it to God to be loyal to His commandments and to strive to do His will. It owes it to Him to set aside a separated portion of its income for His work. It owes it to Him to attend the services which are held in His name in His holy sanctuary. And it likewise owes it to Him to worship Him within its own walls. After all, for the Christian home, family worship is not an optional thing but a duty which it owes to its Heavenly Father.

In the second place, a home owes it to its own members to have

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A FAMILY RESOLUTION FOR 1948

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family worship. It owes this to its members just as it is obligated to see that they have adequate clothing to wear and proper food to eat. Worship is food for the soul and through the practice of regular family worship the home contributes to the satisfying strength and peace into the lives of those participating in it. It begets in their hearts an awareness of the Heavenly Father that enables them to face life confidently, serene and unafraid. Even small children who cannot perhaps understand everything that is said and done in family worship nevertheless derive many benefits from it. They sense the atmosphere which this daily occasion affords and an impression for good is made upon them from which in all of their after years they will never finally escape. Certainly it is true that we as human beings do not profit only by what we can understand. Rather we profit by the total impressions that life makes upon us. Family worship makes an impression upon a growing child which is sure to tell in all of the after years.

In the third place, the home owes it to itself to have family worship. Every home is interested in achievement of family unity. It wants to be one group united by tie of love and tenderness. Nothing makes for family unity more than for a family to worship God together. When the members of the family sing together and read together and pray together and talk together about religious things that family comes to be bound into a unity by ties which families who do not practice family worship never know.

New Year provides a golden opportunity for every pastor who is interested in being of service to the homes of his people. Especially does it offer an opportunity for him to urge them to include the practice of family worship among their family resolutions for 1948. There are many ways by which the pastor can help. He can preach a sermon that lifts up the value of family worship. He can provide a covenant card which his people can sign agreeing to have a Christian home. He can make use of the pages of his bulletin to lift up the importance of this idea.

—BR—

Pastor W. R. Austin writes that he has moved into the Pastorium at Roundaway in Sunflower County. The church was very gracious in assisting with the moving, redecorating the home, installing bathroom fixtures, and bringing gifts of food for the pastor and his family. Mr. Austin says that such care and thoughtfulness is most certainly appreciated by the pastor and family.

Some Resolutions For 1948

Let every Baptist in Mississippi make the year 1948 the most significant and glorious year in Mississippi Baptist history. Mississippi Baptists are judged by the conduct of all and not just the faithful and consecrated ones. No chain is stronger than its weakest link. Weak, careless, indifferent, lazy and sinning Baptists will hinder the work of the Lord and cause many unworthy remarks to be made about those who least deserve them.

Below we list a few resolutions that should challenge all blood-bought, Christ-loving and God-serving Baptists. You say, "I never make resolutions because I am afraid I may not keep them." "Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." Set these resolutions as your goal and even if you do not keep all of them for the whole year, you will do better by trying than not to try at all.

1. Encourage your pastor by raising his salary if he has not had one lately. The price of things has "riz."

2. Plan to live a cleaner and more useful life in 1948 than in 1947.

3. Try tithing for a whole year. The three month campaign has shown that it works, a year would be four times as good.

4. I will read reverently some portion of the Bible every day.

5. I will pray at least once daily.

6. I will endeavor to live so that others will know that I am a Christian.

7. I will contribute regularly and worthily to my church.

8. I will faithfully attend all the services of my church.

9. I will try to win at least one soul to Christ during the year.

10. I will seek to know God's will for my life and then try to do His will.

Next week we plan to have some resolutions for churches.

—BR—

APPROVE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION FOR NORTHERN BAPTISTS

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operations, subject to approval by the Convention's annual meeting in Milwaukee next May.

A nine-man editorial board will be named to direct the paper. It will appoint the editor and staff, determine frequency of publication, and formulate policy.

The new publication will replace the Crusader, a monthly which has been used mainly in the promotion of various national projects of the denomination.

Editor's Note: The Baptist Record, instead of needing a subsidy, puts money into the Baptist work. The 1947 profit was over \$15,000.

Has Perfect Record For Fifteen Years



MRS. MARY BARNETT FOX

Above is shown Mrs. Mary Barnett Fox, of First Church, Vicksburg, with her own church every Sunday, where she is a teacher of thirteen year old girls.

Mrs. Fox has taught in the Intermediate Department of this church 18 years, in the Junior Department two years, and was General Secretary for the Sunday School one year. All twenty-one years she has been a 100% pupil. However, awards were not given for perfect attendance prior to fifteen years ago. She was also Leader in B. T. U. work for 24 years.

Mrs. Fox originally joined Calvary Baptist Church in Vicksburg, and when this church consolidated she was a charter member at Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church, where she was active in Sunday School work until she came to the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Fox boasts of seventy five years; is one of the most active members in her church, which she attributes to association with the young people, and her deep interest in their welfare.

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church lobbyists have a great interest in as follows:

Universal Military Training—has very little chance of passage, despite growing support from certain church groups and deflections in the ranks of its long-time opponents. (Even Rep. Dewey Short, the Missouri Republican and former Baptist preacher, who generally has spearheaded the campaign against conscription, shows signs of weakening in his stand, his colleagues report.)

Stratton Bill, relating to displaced persons—has better chance of passage than ever, but whether it goes through or not depends to a large extent on the kind of lobbying its supporters undertake.

So-called "Christian Amendment" to the Constitution—This legislation, represented by H. J. Res 239 and S. J. Res. 150, has no chance of passage. It provides for a Constitutional Amendment recognizing "the Authority and Law of Jesus Christ, the Saviour and King of Nations."

Federal Aid-To-Education — Not much chance of Passage.

—BR—

Rev. Phil Walker has resigned as pastor at Mars Hill, Amite County and is now the Associational Missionary for Warren County. He succeeds Rev. James Fairchild who recently became pastor at Collins where he succeeds Rev. Mack Jones.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

BY REV. LEON V. YOUNG,
Clinton, Miss.

CALLED AND ACCEPTED

Ed Lovell, Splendora, Texas.
J. Dale Thorn, Alvard, Texas from Calvary, Houston, Texas.
Sam E. Brian, First, Salvinas, California from Brownfield, Texas.
A. O. Jennings, Nome, Texas.
Berl Clark, Sanford, Texas from Forsan.
Rev. V. R. Crider, Caddo Mills, Texas from Sardis, Mississippi.
T. A. Brown, Wallis, Texas.
Ennis Hill, Loop, Texas from Tuscola.
Robert Cromwell, Central, Decatur, Alabama.
Thomas Hunter, Grand Bay, Alabama.
Douglas M. Branch, Kannapolis, North Carolina.
Robert E. Cline, Bromide, Oklahoma from Wardville.
O. L. Patterson, First, Tallihina, Oklahoma.
R. L. McClung, First, Marlow, Oklahoma.
Chester Sylvester, Hico, Texas from Evant.
J. C. Harris, Wrightsboro, Texas from Flour Bluff.
Glen Norman, Calvary, Houston, Texas.
J. M. Gardner, First, New Braunfels, Texas.
O. B. Renean, First, Pond Creek, Oklahoma from Cayenne.
O. C. Edwards, Oklahoma Avenue, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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Mississippi Calendar of Prayer

January 5—Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention; John D. Davis, Convention Board member, Deer Creek Association.
January 6—E. C. Williams, State Sunday School Secretary.
January 7—Miss Edwina Robinson, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union; R. C. Holcomb, Convention Board member, Attala Association.
January 8—Auber J. Wilds, State Training Union Secretary.
January 9—Dr. D. M. Nelson, President Mississippi College.
January 10—Mrs. K. Gilfoy, Superintendent Baptist Hospital; M. E. Perry, Convention Board member, Greene Association.
January 11—W. G. Mize, Superintendent Baptist Orphanage; E. D. Hurst, Convention Board member, Jones Association.

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DR. KYLE M. YATES IS RADIO HOUR SPEAKER

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C.; Professor Charles Wellborn, Waco, Texas; and Dr. Ted F. Adams, Richmond, Va., who will be heard in February; and Dr. Duke K. McCall, Nashville, Tenn., who speaks in March.

A feature of each program of "The Baptist Hour" will be a favorite hymn, selected by a poll now being conducted in the churches and among interested listeners.

Copies of Dr. Yates sermon will be sent free upon request. Send postal card request to Baptist Hour in care of your radio station.

These programs can be heard in our state over radio stations WGRM, Greenwood; WFOR Hattiesburg; WSLI Jackson; WAML, Laurel; and WTOK, Meridian. WAZF, Yazoo City carries the program the following Sunday at 8:30 a. m.

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Dr. S. A. Murphy, general chairman of entertainment for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in May 1948, requests that all future correspondence for hotel reservations be sent direct to the committee chairman, Mr. Codie D. Bell, 2119 Hallwood Drive, Memphis,

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary - - Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi
Associates: Louise Hill, Clarice Conner, Alene Johnson



MRS. M. C. WALDRUP

Hinds Warren Association was the first of our Associational Training Unions under the new standard to reach the standard in Mississippi, but they set the pace achieving this honor the second quarter in 1946 and again in 1947 they met all requirements. Mrs. Lewis Yarbrough is the efficient director. Following the pace Hinds-Warren set, five other associations reached the standard in 1948. Directors of these associations will be introduced in this department of the Record to our constituency in the near future.

THE NEW YEAR BEGINS TODAY

Happy New Year to you, and may it be freighted with rich blessings including many added opportunities to serve the Master. Did you make a new year resolution to the effect that you are going to be a better leader? If you are in Training Union you are a leader, with opportunities of becoming a better leader. Let your resolutions include one that you will take advantage of every opportunity.

MIDWAY IN HINDS

The Midway church is only a few years old but has, from the beginning sponsored a good training union program. On a recent Sunday the attendance was 71 out of an enrollment of 72. Pastor Joe Royalty and director, Lawrence Lemmons are happy over the growing interest in this department of the church.

Next week we'll give you a report on our State Convention that met Tuesday of this week. Our copy for the Record has to be turned in ten days before you get to read it.

W. P. DOSS

By Rev. W. C. Ballard

The Arbor Grove Community of Chickasaw county was saddened November 27 by the sudden death of W. P. Doss, age 73.

Deacon Doss had been a member of Arbor Grove church for 40 years and had served as a deacon for most of the time as Sunday school superintendent for several years.

The church and the community have lost a good citizen but his influence will continue to live.

Services were conducted from Arbor Grove church by his pastor, Rev. W. C. Ballard.

Mr. Doss is survived by his wife and several children.



MR. J. S. MCCOULOUGH

Over a period of years we have had very few Standard Training Unions, one occasionally. In 1947 we had 7 Training Unions to develop their efficiency to the standard degree. We are happy here to present Mr. J. S. McCullough of East McComb who is the director of the Training Union, one of the ones to reach the standard in 1947. Rejoicing with Mr. McCullough is Pastor Earl Edwards. Together these leaders plan and promote the work of this growing Training Union.

A VISIT TO CLARKE COLLEGE

It was the pleasure of your State Training Secretary to spend the most of two days on Clarke College campus in December. Professor Trop Prince, in the department of Religious education, is doing a very practical thing in teaching the fundamentals of the various church organizations. He had just completed the teaching of The Training Union Manual and then invited the State Training Union Secretary over to speak to the class for two hours, an hour each day, with the idea of the students and the state organization becoming acquainted. The matter of presenting the state program was one concern, showing how Training Union was a vital part of our denominational life, and presenting practical ideas and activities for the Training Union membership. Forty fine young people make up this class and the response was most encouraging. The two hours, we feel, were profitably spent, and we congratulate the school on this new venture in fitting Baptist students for leadership in Baptist churches. Each department of our State Mission work is to be thus recognized.

Brooklyn Has Study Course; New Adult Group Organized

The Training Union of the Brooklyn Baptist Church recently enjoyed a study course with an average attendance of 72. Rev. R. C. Woodham taught the Adults Manual; Rev. Otis Jones the Young People; Mrs. Otis Jones the Intermediates; Mrs. R. C. Woodham the Juniors; Mrs. Bob Lee also planned stories and songs for children too small to take the course.

—BR—

Christ is the effective mediator between God and man for those who accept Christ as his mediator or Saviour. . . Austin Crouch in The Sunday School Builder.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

THE NEW YEAR

A flower unblown, a book unread,
A tree with fruit unharvested, a path untrod,
A house whose rooms lack yet the heart's divine perfumes;
This is the Year that for you waits
Beyond Tomorrow's mystic gates.

—POWERS.

WE ARE GRATEFUL

The state Sunday school secretary is sincerely grateful to all who remembered him in any way during his recent operation and time of recuperation. For the beautiful flowers, the cheerful visits, the written messages, and the sincere prayers, we are so thankful. We are getting along nicely and before this is in print hope to be back on the job again.

1947 WAS A GREAT YEAR

The good year 1947 was a great one for the Sunday school work in good old Mississippi.

There were advancements in practically every phase of the work, and some of them were excellent. We have gone beyond the 800 mark in Vacation Bible schools, which is a great gain over the 653 of 1946.

So, to every pastor, superintendent, department leader, teacher, officer and pupil, we express our very sincere thanks for every contribution to this good record. We appreciate it more than we can ever say.

AND NOW FOR 1948

"Forward" is God's direction for us. Nowhere does he want us to go back.

CONNER-WALDRUP

Miss Clarice Conner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Conner of Cleveland, became the bride of Rev. M. C. Waldrup of Merigold in a lovely church wedding at Morrison Chapel Church on December 21.

The Rev. Joe W. Sturdivant, Morrison Chapel pastor, performed the single



MRS. LEWIS YARBROUGH

ring ceremony against a background of greenery with a white cross in the center.

A program of nuptial music was rendered by Miss Verna Tucker with Miss Roxie Griffin at the piano. Ushers were: Paul Tedder and George Evans Fletcher. Miss Louise Hill was maid of honor and was dressed in grey and wore a corsage of pink carnations. Fred Fortenberry was best man.

Mrs. Waldrup was dressed in a beautiful blue gaberdine suit. Her corsage was of white carnations.

M. C. Waldrup is Associational Missionary in Bolivar County and has also

ward in the matter of helping people in the good things of life.

No matter how well we did in 1947, there is so much yet to be done that 1948 should be even greater. The lost multitudes about us should bestir us to greater efforts than ever in doing our best to reach them for Jesus and His work. He wants all to be saved. Our interest should be that large also.

Therefore, may we so pray, plan, think, and work that during the New Year more people will be reached for Bible study in our Sunday schools than ever before. We realize the benefits of the regular study of the Word to all people. If it has meant so much to those who have had this blessed privilege, it will mean the same to all unreached ones whom we may yet enlist in it.

Let's make our plans big and attempt greater things for God during 1948 than ever before.

SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY WEEK

Let's not forget that January 5-9 is the time for the special Bible Study Week for the new year.

The book, STUDIES IN EPHESIANS, is the one suggested as the basis for that week's study.

It is not for credit, but simply for the purpose of giving to our people more Bible teaching and study.

Many churches have already planned for this week, and we hope many others will do likewise. None of us can have too much of the reading and study of the word of God.

served as pastor to several Mississippi churches.

For the past two and one-half years, Mrs. Waldrup has served as a field worker in the Baptist Training Union Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Immediately after the wedding ceremony, the WMU of Morrison Chapel Church gave a reception with Mrs. Fred Fortenberry in charge. Misses Geraldine Wilson and Betty Blaylock presided at the punch bowl. Decorations were in charge of Mesdames E. L. Stanton and Doc Griffin.

After spending their honeymoon in Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Waldrup will be at home in Merigold after January 1.

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Longview Shows Progress, Pastor's Salary Increased

Longview Church, Oktibbeha County, showered the Pastor and Mrs. C. Snowden with gifts during the Holiday Season. Among the gifts presented were two end tables, a coffee dripolator, and two china bowls. Recently the WMU gave Mrs. Snowden a birthday shower.

A nine foot electric refrigerator has been installed in the Pastorium.

Pastor Snowden has completed four years at Long View. In this time there have been 44 additions, pastor's salary increased by 50%, and other offerings increased likewise. The interior of the church has been painted, two window fans installed, and two heaters purchased.

Mr. Snowden writes, "Last but not least, the church has the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record. We are very grateful for the Record, our members enjoy reading it. If all Baptists would read the Record regularly I believe we would have better Baptists."

Convention Board Proceedings

We believe it will be profitable to the work of the Lord Jesus bringing information and inspiration for you to get first hand some of the proceedings of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as it met in recent annual session. The board works largely through committees who bring their recommendations to the Board for its consideration. Some such reports with favorable action by Convention Board are presented as follows:

I

The report on Co-operative Program was read by F. M. Purser and adopted as read:

REPORT OF CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

In view of the increased budget, adopted by this Board, which budget is near the danger line, your committee urges the members of this Board to return to their respective associations with the purpose of placing primary emphasis on the Co-operative Program.

Since this Board has granted the increased budget to the W. M. U. Department, we request the W. M. U. to urge their organization to continue primary emphasis throughout the year on the Co-operative Program.

The Committee rejoices that so many associations have had every church contributing through the Co-operative Program - this Committee hopes that in this new Convention year every church will contribute through this program early in the year, and continue contributions throughout the year.

II

REPORT OF BAPTIST RECORD BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

We, your Committee on Baptist Record Business Management, presents the following report:

We commend most heartily our Business Manager and his co-laborers for the work they are doing. Even though the cost of materials and printing has advanced, the subscription price has not advanced. The paper made a profit of \$15,432.02 during the past year. Mississippi Baptists lead the South in profits from the state Convention owned paper.

The Bookkeeping and Mailing Departments seem to be functioning properly. The workers in these Departments give their best, to the task in hand. We commend them for the fine work they are doing.

Respectfully submitted,
E. S. Flynt
R. R. Brigance
Glen Eric Wiley

III

Report of Committee on Evangelism was read by R. A. Morris and adopted as read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Your committee on Evangelism makes the following report:

1. We find that our State Board has worked along three definite evangelistic lines:

A. Direct evangelism - Brother B. H. Benton has worked faithfully in this field. He has held forty-five revivals in churches and unchurched communities. He has witnessed 397 professions of faith and has seen 154 unite with churches by letter. This work is supported by the LeTourneau Fund.

B. Associational Missionaries. Our Board has supplemented the work in twenty counties. These missionaries have had 567 additions by baptism, 411 otherwise.

C. Pastoral Evangelism. Our Board has supplemented the salaries of 41 pastors, who have baptized 448, and have had 479 additions by letter.

2. Summertime Evangelistic Youth program.

We commend this program which will seek to utilize the students from our Seminaries and Colleges in a great summer program of evangelism. We urge our churches and pastors to use these young people in youth revivals.

We recommend that Executive Secretary McCall and B. S. U. Secretary Horner work out details of forming teams and help pastors and churches secure workers.

3. Our state Evangelistic Conference will be held in Vicksburg February 24-27. Rev. Perry F. Webb of San Antonio will be our chief outside speaker.

4. We recommend that our pastors seek out opportunities to hold revivals in unchurched communities in their counties.

R. A. Morris, Chairman
H. M. Collins
G. W. Smith
R. E. Gardner

IV

Report of Radio Committee was read by Claud Bowen and after being discussed was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF RADIO COMMITTEE

The Radio Committee is pleased to see progress in radio work. The Convention has acted favorably toward the recommendations of the Convention Radio Committee and the State Board has done everything possible to give impetus to the work. By way of giving an account of the work, we give the following statements.

In 1946 the Convention authorized the Board to proceed with plans for a state radio network. Following this action the Board appointed a Radio Committee which studied the program and was authorized to be continued until this meeting, and, working in conjunction with the Convention Radio Committee, made further study. An allocation was made consisting of half the 1946 and 1947 profits of the Baptist Record, the balance of which amount to date is \$16,151.02. This amount constitutes a good beginning toward the capital needs of radio facilities.

The 1947 Mississippi Baptist Convention adopted the resolution of the Radio Committee which calls for a Miss. Baptist Hour at an approximate cost of \$15,000 which money must be on hand or underwritten before the actual work begins.

This Board has authorized 1 1-2 per cent of the 1948 Co-operative Program receipts to be allocated to the Radio Fund. Using 1947 receipts as a base, we

can look forward to approximately \$10,000, to be added to this Fund.

In the light of these facts we recommend:

That a Radio Committee of the State Board be appointed to work with the Convention Radio Committee in the execution of the authorized program, and that the Convention Board Radio Committee be authorized to act in behalf of the Convention Board.

Claud B. Bowen
J. W. Landrum
M. H. Barkley

V

Whereas, Dr. W. A. Hewitt for 28 years, the beloved pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson, has served as host pastor to many sessions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Convention Board, and,

Whereas, for many years he has served very faithfully as a member of the Convention Board and of the Executive Committee, and,

Whereas, he has further elicited our appreciation of his varied talents as our chief motion maker:

Be it therefore, here and now resolved, that we the members of the Convention Board do hereby express our deep and abiding love and appreciation for his faithful service and wish for him many years of health, happiness, and service.

Dr. W. A. Hewitt led the devotional and delivered a very helpful message to the Brethren in which he emphasized, first, the importance of educating the Negro ministers, and second, the importance of taking care of the country churches of our convention.

VI

Report of Associational Missionary Committee was read by Gordon Samsing and adopted with its recommendations.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION COMMITTEE

Association	Amount Requested or Suggested	Amount Recommended by Committee
Winston	\$ 800.00	\$ 700.00
Jackson	1,500.00	1,200.00
Prentiss	1,000.00	900.00
Gulf Coast	1,500.00	1,400.00
* refer to Executive Committee		
Panola and Yalobusha	1,400.00	1,200.00
Calhoun	1,000.00	800.00
Pontotoc	1,200.00	1,100.00
Riverside	50.00	500.00
per month		
Union County	800.00	700.00
Lafayette & Marshall	600.00	500.00
Bolivar	600.00	500.00
Lauderdale	500.00	300.00
Warren	1,200.00 - 1,500.00	1,200.00
Itawamba	1,100.00	1,100.00
** Refer to local Association & Executive Com.		
Association & Executive Com.		
Newton	750.00 (1948)	600.00
	250.00 (1947)	
Neshoba	500.00	400.00
Greene		300.00
*** Refer to Executive Committee		
Committee		
Jones	900.00	600.00
Pearl River	1,000.00	800.00
Deer Creek	600.00	300.00
Mississippi	600.00	500.00
Tishomingo	1,100.00	1,000.00

The recommendations of the Associational Missionary Committee were: First, that the appropriations of \$1,400.00 made to Gulf Coast Association, the \$1,100.00 to Itawamba Association, and the \$300.00 made to Greene County be referred to the Executive Committee for further consideration.

Second, we recommend that the associations be requested to send monies through Dr. D. A. McCall's office.

Signed —
G. L. Sansing
R. C. Ryan

VII

Report of Budget and Allocations Committee was read by Charlie Thompson and adopted as read.

Co-operative Program Distribution

Southwide - 40% as follows:

Foreign Mission Board 46%
Home Mission Board 18%
Southern Seminary 5%
Southwestern Seminary 5%
New Orleans Seminary 5%
W. M. U. Training School 1%
American Seminary 2%
Relief and Annuity Board 15%
Radio Commission 1.9%
Baptist Brotherhood 1%
Southern Baptist Hospital 0.1%
Statewide — 60% as follows:

State Missions 24%
Christian Education 24%
Orphanage 6%
Ministerial Education 2 1-2%
Baptist Foundation 1%
Radio 1 1-2%
Mississippi Baptist Hospital 1%
Christian Education is as follows:
Mississippi College 30%
Blue Mountain College 25%
Mississippi Woman's College 25%
Clarke Memorial College 20%

VIII

The report of the Committee on Ministers Retirement was read by J. E. Cranford. After one amendment which provided that the matter of the salary of the secretary for the Ministers Retirement be referred to the Executive Committee.

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CONVENTION BOARD PROCEEDINGS

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tive Committee, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERS RETIREMENT PLAN

We, your committee on Ministers Retirement Plan, having made a study into the budget and expenditures and management of the Ministers Retirement Department, wish to report as follows:

First, that this office now is being operated on an inadequate budget.

Second, that only about 480 pastors in the plan - 32 pastors receiving payment now - only 704 churches participating now - only 120 have made application in the Widow's Supplement Plan at present.

Third, we find that we spent almost the entire \$3,000 allocated last year for office expense, and very little was done out on the field to promote the plan.

Therefore, we make the following recommendation:

First, we recommend the increase of the Bookkeepers salary from \$180.00 per month to \$200.00 per month. (Referred to Executive Committee).

Second, in order to promote this work as we feel it should be, we must set aside as office expense an increased budget that will afford the Bookkeeper a living wage, and also do some work on the field.

Third, we recommend that this office, our Executive Secretary, the Baptist Record, and each pastor and Board member continue to advocate and push this plan with renewed emphasis over our state until our pastors are 100% in participation in the plan.

Fourth, we find that we yet lack about 34 having enough participating in the Widow's Supplement Plan for our state to enter this plan, therefore, we urge that every available force of our denomination be used to reach this goal before January 1, 1948.

Signed —

J. E. Cranford, Chairman

B. E. Phillips

J. B. Hemphill

W. B. May

M. C. Whitten, Secretary

By mutual consent the time for the special offering for the American Bible Society was set for the fourth Sunday in January.

Rev. H. H. Aultman made a motion that the secretary be instructed to correspond with Dr. H. L. Martin, who was sick and could not attend the Board meeting, and assure him of our love and concern for his recovery. Motion carried.

Rev. Paul Ball made a motion that someone make out a list of eating places in Jackson who do not sell beer that the Board members might know when they come to Jackson. Motion carried.

IX

President Davis announced the appointment of the following committees and instructed them in their work.

BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEE

H. H. Aultman

S. P. Powell

J. W. Vassar

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

R. A. Morris

H. M. Collins

R. E. Gardner

G. W. Smith

Charlie Morgan

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Gordon Sansing

A. G. Graham

J. F. Brock

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

M. E. Perry

J. J. Burson

J. R. Reedy

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

W. D. Cole

Varda Smith

T. R. Coulter

L. D. Sellers

A. R. Smith

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make re-

commendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

B. T. U. COMMITTEE

C. O. Daniels

J. D. Thompson

Jack Cranford

James C. Monroe

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

B. S. U. COMMITTEE

K. R. Cofer

Joe Hudson

Paul Ball

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

J. D. Ray

H. L. Martin

F. M. Purser

D. Swan Haworth

This committee studies the entire Co-operative Program promotion, plans, needs, and so forth.

BAPTIST RECORD COMMITTEE

EDITOR AND CIRCULATION

(News Content, Editorial, Make-up, and Circulation.)

N. W. Cox

C. B. Hamlet III

W. L. Day

Webb Brame

E. D. Hurst

W. L. Meadows

A. L. Gatewood

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

NOMINATIONS AND SALARIES COMMITTEE

J. B. Middleton

Virgil Ratcliff

R. D. Pearson

R. C. Holcomb

Kermit Canterbury

E. J. Caswell

This committee nominates department heads and field workers leaving office secretaries to Executive Committee, Executive Secretary, and Department heads.

This committee recommends salaries for Executive Secretary, Department Heads, and field workers, leaving salaries of office helpers to Executive Committee, Executive Secretary, and Department Heads.

BAPTIST RECORD COMMITTEE

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

(Bookkeeping, Finances, Advertising, and Mailing.)

E. S. Flynt

R. R. Brigrance

G. E. Wiley

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

PASTORAL AID COMMITTEE

C. J. Smyly

J. B. Smith

H. B. Boutwell

H. L. Rhodes

S. B. Harrington

This committee reviews pastoral aid requests making recommendations as to a grant in each case staying always within the total budget item for this work.

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
Baptist Building Jackson, Mississippi

Sample Church Budgets

As before noted, brethren have asked us to help them in fashioning church budgets. Probably one of the best ways to do this is by giving examples of actual budgets, as they are. We have recently presented two such budgets. We now present six more budgets from as many of our very excellent churches with splendid leadership. The budgets follow:

I

Name of Church: Crystal Springs Baptist Church.

Location of Church: Walthall County, Mississippi, approximately 11 miles east of Tylertown, Mississippi.

Name of Pastor: C. O. Lindsey.

Address of Pastor: Route 2, Tylertown, Mississippi.

Name of Treasurer: Joe N. Pittman.

Address of Treasurer: Route 2, Tylertown, Mississippi.

Type of Church: Most of the members are farmers and dairymen.

Average income of membership: average.

BUDGET

Local:

Pastor's salary\$2,400.00

Literature 200.00

(including Sunday School, Training Union, W.M.U. and Study Course literature)

Incidentals 300.00

(including gas, lights, repair, upkeep of cemetery, etc.)

Insurance on church building 44.00

Ministers Retirement Fund 72.00

Total\$3,016.00

Note: Our present fund for new church building is open for contributions at all times. This amount now exceeds \$2,800.00.

Special offering is taken for revival expenses.

Missions:

Co-operative Program: 20% of church offerings received each month is contributed.

Designations: The following special offerings are taken annually in our church:

Home, State and Foreign Missions; Thanksgiving offering for Orphans' Home.

Note: Total has been placed at bottom of local budget, as it alone is definite.

We do not take Every Member Canvass annually. It has been our policy to preach God's plan of tithing frequently. Visiting ministers are asked to give suggestions and experiences in tithing. It is the pastor's practice to encourage individuals personally along these lines. From every possible standpoint, our members are encouraged to tithe.

When Southern Baptists were asked to tithe for the months of October, November and December, 1947, we gave an opportunity for all to sign tithers' cards.

The following have been found helpful on Stewardship and Tithing:

Bible Stewardship, by J. E. Dillard.

God's Tenth, by W. L. Compere.

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SAMPLE CHURCH BUDGETS

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II

Name of Church — Prentiss Baptist Church.
 Location of Church — Prentiss, Mississippi.
 Name of Pastor — W. L. Sewell.
 Address of Pastor — Prentiss, Mississippi.
 Name of Treasurer — S. L. Lee.
 Address of Treasurer — Prentiss, Mississippi.
 Type church, as farmers, industrial, business men, etc. — Business and professional.
 Average income of membership — good, not big, but somewhat about average.

BUDGET

LOCAL	MISSIONS
Pastor's salary ----- \$4800.00	Cooperative Program ----- \$5000.00*
Secretary's salary ----- 1800.00	State Missions ----- 400.00*
Janitor's salary ----- 600.00	Home Missions ----- 300.00*
Insurance ----- 450.00	Foreign Missions ----- 500.00*
Film Service ----- 120.00	Christian Education ----- 1500.00*
Baptist Record ----- 175.00	Orphanage ----- 125.00*
Envelopes ----- 60.00	Association Missions ----- 100.00*
Fuel, water, and lights ----- 350.00	Foreign Relief ----- 100.00*
Conventions ----- 335.00	Other objects ----- 500.00*
Association minutes ----- 15.00	American Bible Society ----- 50.00
Library ----- 150.00	Anticipated special gifts in
Literature ----- 400.00	support of special campaigns -- 5000.00*
Minister's retirement ----- 120.00	
Miscellaneous supplies ----- 150.00	Total ----- \$13,575.00
Incidental expenses ----- 300.00*	Grand Total ----- \$28,390.00
Building Fund ----- 5,000.00*	
Total ----- \$14,815.00	

* All such items are approximate, and are estimated on basis of amounts given last year. These are not fixed items, but vary according to designated gifts made by individuals according to special requests or upon their own initiative. After all fixed items are paid all other undesignated gifts are divided on a 50-50 basis between the Cooperative Program and the Building Fund.

The necessity for this flexibility arises from the fact that we do not have the budget underwritten by an Every Member Canvass.

Last year our entire income amounted to \$28,299.82, of which \$11,479.15 went to missions. As you can see from this budget estimation, we hope to exceed that amount this year.

Do you take every member canvass annually — No.

Comments: We make a special annual effort to enlist tithers, believing this to be more nearly in keeping with Scriptural teaching than securing pledges of specified amounts. It works.

TRACTS and BOOKS: Bible Stewardship and Building a Stewardship Church, by J. E. Dillard; To whom Much Is Given, by G. Ernest Thomas; Living Abundantly, by Frank E. Burkhalter; An Adequate Financial Plan, by J. E. Dillard; I Am Resolved, by Louie D. Newton; God's Message To Me on Stewardship, by Frank E. Burkhalter; God's Message, by Executive Com., of Southern Baptist Convention.

III

Name of Church — First Baptist Church.
 Location of Church — Holly Springs, Miss.
 Name of Pastor — Howard H. Aultman.
 Name of Treasurer — C. D. Collins.
 Address of Treasurer — Holly Springs.
 Type of Church — Cosmopolitan, Farmers, Business & Professional, Day Laborers.
 The Income of the Church is barely average.

LOCAL (itemize)	Baptist Record
Pastor's Salary ----- \$4,200.00	Budget — \$16,190.00
Organist Salary ----- 330.00	Pastor's Convention expense -- \$ 150.00
Secretary (part time) ----- 150.00	Telephone & Telegraph ----- 60.00
Pulpit Supply ----- 50.00	Fuel ----- 200.00
Library Maintenance ----- 120.00	Tuning of Pianos & Organ ----- 60.00
Janitor Salary ----- 480.00	Socials, Fellowship ----- 200.00
Minister Retirement ----- 120.00	Insurance ----- 200.00
Water, Lights, etc. ----- 200.00	Associational Missionary ----- 840.00
Printing (Bulletins, etc.) ----- 300.00	Incidentals ----- 1,000.00
Literature ----- 350.00	TOTAL LOCAL ----- \$9,190.00

MISSIONS—25% of Total Gifts

Co-operative Program—\$4,000.00 (Plus 25% of offerings in excess of Budget).
 Designations—Every special season is answered with special offerings. This is in excess of Budget. Last year as follows: STATE MISSIONS—\$267.52; HOME MISSIONS—\$173.27; COLLEGES—\$131.29; ORPHANAGE—\$191.38; HOSPITAL—\$16.10; TOTAL DESIGNATIONS—\$1,074.27; TOTAL TO MISSIONS — \$5,074.27.

BUILDING FUND — \$2,200.00 (20% of total Budgeted gifts).

TOTAL BUDGETED ITEMS — \$16,190.00 (Minimum).

TOTAL BUDGET & ANTICIPATED DESIGNATED GIFTS — \$17,264.00.

Do you take every Member canvass — Yes.

Detail briefly plans for every member Canvass.

Comments: We set an early date in December as "VOLUNTEER DAY", at which time Pledge Cards are placed in hands of every member of the Church asking that they voluntarily sign their cards. Those that tithe simply sign the Tithers Card with an approximation of anticipated Tithe. Others who do not Tithe are asked to sign the regular pledge. This is a good combination program that leaves none out, and serves as an incentive to Non-Tithers to try. After two Sundays of "volunteer" efforts, teams of two each are sent out on the third Sunday afternoon in personal solicitation. Of course these efforts are undergirded by personal letters sent out much in advance to every member by the Pastor together with a special prayer meeting of all the Deacons one week prior to the efforts. (For three years our entire Budget has been oversubscribed on the very first Sunday by pledges and Tithers cards. Then we go after the others also, that all have a part).

What Tracts and books on the Budget, stewardship & Tithing have you found helpful?

"The Acid Test Discipleship," "The Tale of a Happy Dollar" (children like it).

"What the Tithing Movement Means," "This Is Tithing," "Who Owns The Wool," "A worthy Financial Program," "An Experiment In Giving," "God's Message To Me on Stewardship," "As I View Giving," "The Baptist Co-operative Program," "The Romance of the Co-operative Program," etc.

These tracts are distributed in a systematic year round program among our members.

Note: We now have 223 Tithers in our resident membership of less than 400.

This program has enlisted this year about 90 percent of our resident Members in some financial assistance to the Church in some measure.

IV

Name of Church — Northside Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.
 Location of Church — Fondren Community, North Jackson (Residential, City).
 Name of Pastor — W. Lowrey Compere.
 Address of Pastor — Box 4265, Fondren Station, Jackson, Miss.
 Name of Treasurer — Claude Clark, 425 Mitchell, Jackson, Miss.
 Type church, as farmers, industrial, business men, etc. — Principally salaried working people; few business and professional.
 Average income of membership — average.

BUDGET

Do you take every member canvass annually — No.
 Detail briefly your plan for every member canvass.

Comments:

We do not make a canvass nor ask for any pledge, except the pledge to tithe. We have a tithing emphasis each year and seek to enlist new tithers.

What tracts and books on the budget, stewardship, and tithing have you found helpful? We distribute copies of the Pastor's booklet, God's Holy Tenth, which has proved effective.

Budget for 1947 - 48

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Jackson, Mississippi

BUDGET GOAL — \$550.00 per week: \$28,600.00 for the year.

PERCENTAGE OF DISTRIBUTION: Denominational Causes -- 20% — \$ 5,720.00
 Local Causes ----- 80% — \$22,880.00

These percentages to apply to regular budget receipts, but special offerings will go to the causes for which they are designated.

DENOMINATIONAL CAUSES:

Minister's Retirement Fund -----	20% — \$ 5,720.00
Clarke Memorial College -----	\$ 240.00
Operating Expenses -----	\$25.00 month
Building Fund -----	\$75.00 month
Mississippi College Building Fund -----	\$ 600.00
Balance to Cooperative Program (Flexible) -----	\$ 3,680.00

At the close of each month the treasurer sends to Baptist Headquarters a check amounting to 20% of the month's Budget receipts. After the fixed amounts are deducted, the balance of this check goes through the Cooperative Program to all the causes of Mississippi and Southern Baptists.

LOCAL CAUSES:

Bond and Interest Account -----	80% — \$22,880.00
Pastor's Salary -----	\$12,000.00
Educational Secretary -----	4,800.00
Promotional Secretary -----	1,800.00
Financial Secretary -----	480.00
Building Maintenance, Insurance, Janitor -----	360.00
Literature, Books, and Supplies -----	1,150.00
Convention Expense -----	800.00
Church Bulletin and Baptist Record -----	100.00
Utilities (Fuel, lights, and telephone) -----	600.00
Socials -----	300.00
Miscellaneous -----	200.00
Total -----	290.00
	\$22,880.00

THE BOND AND INTEREST ACCOUNT

The Bond and Interest Account is a separate account for the accumulation of funds to pay the semi-annual interest on all outstanding bonds January 1 and July 1, and to redeem the bonds which mature July 1. The treasurer is to place a minimum of \$1,000 each month in this account for this purpose.

TITHERS GOAL — 250 accepting this as a life purpose:

GOD'S HOLY TENTH OF MY INCOME

I will bring to His House as He has taught in His Word for the spread of His Gospel throughout all His World.

V

Name of Church — First Baptist Church.
 Location of Church — Grenada, Miss.
 Name of Pastor — Glen Eric Wiley.
 Address of Pastor — 310 Third St., Grenada, Miss.
 Name of Treasurer — D. M. Taylor.
 Address of Treasurer — Doak Street, Grenada, Miss.
 Type church, as farmers, industrial, business men, etc. — Mostly business and industrial.
 Average income of membership — average.

BUDGET

Do you take every member canvass annually — Yes.
 Detail briefly your plan for every member canvass — Letter to membership, every member.

Comments:

We write a letter to every member, in September, seeking tithers, without asking them to specify any amount, stating that a canvass for funds will be made later, at which time they will be asked to state what amount they will pledge for the next year. This canvass is made in early part of November, beginning with the morning service, and followed up that afternoon by visitation.

What tracts and books on the budget, stewardship, and tithing have you found helpful? We enclosed a tract in our letter asking for tithers, then in the letter asking for pledges to the budget, we enclosed a copy of the budget, announcing that they would be asked to pledge on the following Sunday morning, or, if absent, be visited Sunday afternoon. We went over the top with our budget pledges before the week was out!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BUDGET FOR 1948

Grenada, Mississippi, November 2, 1947

The following is the budget for 1948, as suggested by the Budget Committee and (Continued on Page Ten)

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approved by the Board of Deacons with its recommendation that it be approved:
No. 1 All Salaries:

	Per Cent	
Pastor's Salary	14.15	\$ 4,800.00
Pastor's Convention Exp.	.45	150.00
Choir Director	7.94	2,700.00
Organist	1.76	600.00
Secretary	2.64	900.00
Treasurer	.88	300.00
Janitor	3.00	1,020.00
	30.82	10,470.00
No. 2 All Literature	2.35	800.00
No. 3 Insurance		
No. 4 Water, Lights, and Fuel	2.35	800.00
No. 5 W. M. U. Allowance	1.76	600.00
No. 6 Brotherhood Allowance	.88	300.00
No. 7 Repairs on all Church		
Property except Bus	4.41	1,500.00
No. 8 All Bus Expense	2.20	750.00
No. 9 Miscellaneous Expense	5.23	1,780.00
	50.00	\$17,000.00
No. 10 Cooperative Fund	40.00	13,600.00
No. 11 Building Fund	10.00	3,400.00
	100.00	\$34,000.00

The following are the cash balances as shown by the Treasurer's Report as of October 1, 1947:

No. 1 Current Expense Fund	\$ 6,213.26
No. 2 Special Mission Fund	3,079.85
No. 3 Library Fund	748.14
No. 4 Memorial Fund	5,000.00
No. 5 Regular Designated Fund	1,500.00
No. 6 Church Benevolence Fund	721.94
No. 7 Bonds Held	11,500.00
	\$28,763.19

VI

Dear Dr. McCall:

In keeping with your request stated in your letter of November 24, I am enclosing copies of our Current Budget; this Budget is only for our Current Expenses and Mission Funds. The Building Fund is handled as a separate item. We use a double envelope with one side devoted to the building fund and the receipts amount to Ten or Twelve Thousand Dollars per year. Our Sunday School Budget is handled separately; I should prefer this otherwise. All expenses for Sunday School and Training Union Literature are paid out of the Sunday School Budget. Designated Gifts during the year bring our total receipts for the year to the neighborhood of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars. Our Cooperative Program Fund is handled altogether on the percentage basis, as indicated on the enclosed Budget; of the amount pledged to current expenses and missions, forty per cent goes through the Cooperative Program.

Our Church is made up of a wide variety of types, several business men, industrial men, and a few farmers. I would place the income of our Church as average.

We do take an every-member canvass annually, that is to say, we have for a number of years. This year, however, we changed our plans in order to tie in with the three months tithing campaign, laying emphasis upon tithing; and we did not make the usual every-member canvass. In brief, our system is this: the Finance Committee, which is made up of three of our choice men, begins in August to study our budget needs; after one or two meetings when the old budget is carefully studied and the Pastor makes recommendations as to the future, a meeting is called of all department heads in the Church, those who look after any phase of the work that requires an expenditure of money. From these we secure a statement with reference to their needs for the coming year. The Financial Committee at a later meeting reviews these needs, boils them down, accepts all that can be accepted, and shapes the budget which is presented to the Executive Committee and the Board of Deacons for their approval. The final form of the budget is then mailed to every individual member of the Church and a date for voting set at the Sunday morning service. The proposed Budget, that has already been mailed to all the members and that has been carried in the Church Bulletin for two consecutive Sundays is presented to the congregation; at that service Pledge Cards are furnished and in an atmosphere of worship, the people sign their cards and in orderly fashion move to the front of the auditorium to deposit them in a little model Church that is placed on the Communion table. During the week appeals are made to every group meeting at the Church; and after one week, a canvass is made of those who have not, as yet, signed pledges.

We have found a number of books and tracts to be helpful; have used rather widely the tracts published in our Headquarters and Southwide Headquarters. These we have frequently sent to our people; for example, tracts on Scripture given by Dr. Jake Turner, the Seven Points of Stewardship by Dr. Gilmore, then we have also used freely from Dr. Dillard's "Bible Stewardship," sometimes I will teach the "Grace of Giving." At some period prior to the canvass, I try to have some outstanding missionary emphasis before our pledge day. This year we had Dr. Bela Udvarnoki of Hungary. Two weeks prior to our canvass, I, sometimes, use moving pictures that are helpful; and beginning the middle of August, I ask every department superintendent in the Sunday School and leaders in other phases of Church life to give primary emphasis to Christian stewardship and to bring before their groups a clear explanation of our denominational plan of giving. In recent years we have used one or two of our laymen to head the every-member canvass. The package of envelopes is provided for every individual whether they make a pledge or not. Of course, I plan my sermons during the month that we have the canvass to coincide with the special emphasis when we are having a regular every-member canvass. We make individual cards for all members of the congregation prior to our pledge day; after that day we pull the cards of all those who made their pledges and then organize our canvass for the remaining individuals. I am enclosing a weekly report blank which we keep on file in our office and which is also sent to a number of men in the Church elected to positions related to finance. At the end of every quarter, my Finance Committee makes a thorough study of the receipts and disbursements of each item. We have a weekly check-up and quarterly check-up on the specific details of our budget. There is, of course, a monthly report that is read and voted upon by our Church.

I believe this includes most of the information which you desire, and I am

grateful that we could furnish same. If there is any matter that I have not answered, I shall be happy to do so. The Treasurer of our Church is Mrs. Walter Hollis who also serves as our Church Secretary; and the Chairman of the Finance Committee is Mr. F. C. Wilcox, Vicksburg Y. M. C. A. Every check must be signed by these two. Two other members of our Church staff count money on Monday and deposit it in the bank, the Treasurer takes care of the books and writes the checks.

Sincerely,

D. SWAN HAWORTH

SAMPLE

VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

FINANCIAL STATEMENT — FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

	THIS WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	TOTAL TO DATE 1947-48
RECEIPTS			
CHURCH ACTIVITIES			
Envelopes			
Plate Collection			
Total			\$37,913.20
DESIGNATED GIFTS			
Receipts for day			
Current Balance			
TOTAL			
Building Fund			
Waggoner & Rich.			
Total Church Accounts			
SUNDAY SCHOOL			
GRAND TOTAL			
SINKING FUND (TRANSFER)			
INSURANCE RESERVE (TRANSFER)			
TAX RESERVE			
EXPENDITURES			
CURRENT EXPENSES			
1. Salaries			\$13,888.00
2. Rent & Utilities			1,435.00
3. Supplies			2,055.00
4. Retirement			810.00
5. Repairs & Equipment			980.00
6. Books & Periodicals			220.00
7. Missionary Education			2,535.00
8. Conference & Pulpit Supply			725.00
9. Miscellaneous			100.00
10. Transfer to Sinking Fund			
11. Transfer to Ins. Reserve			600.00
12. Transfer to Tax Reserve			
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM (40%)			\$22,748.00
TOTAL			15,165.20
DESIGNATED GIFTS			\$37,913.20
Sub-total			
Current Balance to Date			
BUILDING FUND			
WAGGONER & RICH.			
SINKING FUND			
INSURANCE RESERVE			
Total Church Account			
SUNDAY SCHOOL			
GRAND TOTAL			

"THE TITHE IS THE LORD'S"

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG, MISS.
BUDGET FOR 1947-48

SALARIES

Pastor	\$4,800.00
Dir. of Rel. Ed. & Music	3,000.00
Church Secretary	1,800.00
Ed. Secretary	1,800.00
Organist	420.00
Janitor	1,560.00
Nursery	208.00
Kitchen Service (Dishwashing & Utensils)	300.00

\$13,888.00

RENT & UTILITIES

Rent	600.00
Lights	350.00
Fuel	200.00
Water	35.00
Telephone	250.00

\$ 1,435.00

SUPPLIES

Office	750.00
Music (Library)	80.00
Church Envelopes	175.00
Recreation	75.00
Laundry	50.00
Travel Ex. (Auto Ex., Pastor & Ed. Dr.)	900.00
W.M.U. Flowers (Xmas, etc.)	25.00

INSURANCE & RETIREMENT

Insurance Reserve	900.00
Retirement (Minister's Retirement)	210.00

\$ 810.00

REPAIRS & EQUIPMENT

Office Equipment	330.00
Organ Repairs	150.00
General Repairs & Equipment	300.00
Fans	200.00

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BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary

Box 530 - - - Phone 2-1600 - - - Jackson

DAUNIE JEAN SMITH, Office Secretary



WAYNE COLEMAN

Wayne Coleman, our State President, is attending the North American Student Conference on Christian Frontiers which ends today at the University of Kansas, Lawrence. Wayne's expenses to this meeting of some 2,000 college students from all over the world were paid out of our State BSU Fund with the approval of you students and student leaders. He is to report on this meeting to us at our Spring Retreat at Woman's College in April. James E. Coney, also of Mississippi College, accompanied Wayne at his own expense. We shall look forward to receiving the impressions these two fine Christian young men will bring back to us.

POTPOURRI

Mr. Wm. Hall Preston, our Associate Southwide Sec'y, was the guest speaker at Blue Mountain's model Student Night at Christmas program . . . Did I tell you that Delta State

has or plans to have a dramatic group known as "Baptist Student Players?" . . . Prospective Ridgecrest staffers should write Mr. Robert Guy, Ridgecrest, N. C., immediately, for application forms. These forms will be mailed out from his office, beginning in Jan., and are to be returned by Mar. 1st, so hurry! Appointments will be made in April. Last summer, Miss. had about 35 staffers, the largest number from any state. Jimmy McCaleb, of Miss. College, was president of the Ridgecrest Staffers for 1947 . . . Was privileged to attend Belhaven's model Student Night at Christmas program participated in by Sarah A. Doss, Katherine Wright, Peggy Holder, Gene Howell, Jean Dalton, Eva Frances Dixon, Mary Martin, Martha Wells, Patsy McCoy, M. Catlin, Margaret Shipp, Lanelle Weathersby, Bobbie Dickson, Ruth E. Westling, and Bonnie Griffith . . . Miss. pastors more generally sponsored Student Night at Christmas in their churches last Sunday than perhaps ever before. We appreciate this. . .

MC Focus Week

Mississippi College was greatly blessed by the Lord in its recent Focus week. Many, many definite and, we believe, genuine decisions were made for Christ. We thank God for so marvelously using the seventeen men and women team members on that great campus. For Mr. O. L. Malone, MC Student Secretary, and for Agnes Matthews, Maurice Clayton, Eugene Fleming, Bob Gwin, Bill Hardy, Frances McCullough, President Nelson, Chas. Tolbert, Barbara Gieven, Billy Rogers, Frank Hart Smith, Merle Ford, Dick Price, Jimmy McCaleb, Everett Reneer, and Bob Patterson, the committee chairmen, and their committees we are especially grateful. . .



Brotherhood Department

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

Box 530 - - - Phone 2-1600 - - - Jackson
JOAN HENDERSON, Office Secretary

SOUTH-WIDE OBJECTIVES FOR 1948

The Baptist Brotherhood of the South has approved the following four major activities for 1948:

1. **Evangelism.** The primary task of every Christian and of every Christian church is to win souls to Christ. This must remain the top item in the program of activities of all Brotherhoods.

By Evangelism we mean primarily personal soul-winning; men witnessing for Christ upon every appropriate occasion. We mean the closest co-operation with the pastor in all special evangelistic efforts of the church. We mean also prayer meetings in homes where there are lost men.

In other words, we propose that during 1948 we go all out in witnessing for the purpose of winning lost men to Christ.

Suggestion: Set up Evangelistic Committee with three or more members who believe in and practice soul-winning;

Have program or emphasis on evangelism each quarter, under direction of Evangelistic Committee and pastor, with information on evangelistic results and opportunities in the church.

2. **Stewardship.** This year will undoubtedly be the most active and productive in the field of Stewardship in the history of Southern Baptists.

We propose that we co-operate vigorously in the great special effort of the Southern Baptist Convention to enlist Southern Baptists in a much larger financial support of all the work of the denomination. It will be the purpose of the Brotherhoods to undertake to enlist the men of our churches in the continuous practice of tithing through their churches for all of the causes of the kingdom of God. In this special stewardship effort we will undertake to enlist men also in a reasonable contribution of their time and their talents, believing that stewardship includes the entire personality—all that a man is, all that he has, and everything he can do.

Suggestion: See that all men in the Brotherhood are well informed as to church budget, gifts to missions, church financial system;

Let Financial Committee and officers lead entire Brotherhood to co-

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SAMPLE CHURCH BUDGETS

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BOOKS & PERIODICALS

Library	120.00
Personal Ministry (Books for new members, newly married, bereaved families)	50.00
American Bible Society	50.00

\$ 980.00

\$ 220.00

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Special Weeks	600.00
B. T. U. (Study Course Ex., Literature is paid out of Sunday School)	50.00
Youth Revival	50.00
Vacation Bible School	135.00
Mission Sunday School	100.00
Ministerial Ed. (Investment in Negro Min. Student)	150.00
Visual Education	175.00
Boy Scout	75.00
County Missions	1200.00

\$ 2,535.00

CONFERENCES & PULPIT SUPPLY

Summer Camps (Our own Young People)	150.00
Pastor's Conventions Expenses	175.00
Church Leaders Convention Expenses	200.00
Pulpit Supply	200.00

\$ 725.00

MISCELLANEOUS

100.00

\$ 100.00

Total

Mission (40%-Cooperative Program)

\$22,748.00

15,165.20

TOTAL BUDGET

\$37,913.20

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD

Department of Stewardship

Jackson, Miss.

Baptist Building

operate with church plan for every member enrollment, special drives, also in education for tithing and stewardship.

3. **Man and Boy Movement.** The South-wide offices have been impressed with the principle and progress of the movement initiated by the Dallas, Texas, Associational Brotherhood, the purpose of which is to take boys off the streets and bring them under the influence of our Sunday schools. We believe that there are unlimited spiritual possibilities in this movement, and we propose that it be accepted as a challenge for our Brotherhoods throughout the Southern Baptist Convention during 1948.

Suggestion: Let Activities Vice-President and Executive Committee designate a "Man and Boy Secretary," or committee, to get men interested in winning boys to Sunday School and to Christ;

Reports should be made in Brotherhood meetings of efforts and success in reaching boys;

Give suitable recognition to men by giving publicity in Brotherhood meetings the "Service Award" to each and every man who gets a boy into Sunday school for four Sundays. (If Brotherhood has not done so, why not get literature from State Brotherhood Department and have special program on "Man and Boy" plan?)

4. **Church and Denominational Publicity.** As Southern Baptists, we have not engaged in the fields of advertising and publicity to any appreciable extent.

We are proposing that during 1948 we step up our church and denominational advertising to a point of appeal comparable to that which is being made in the commercial world. We understand that this will call for very large advertising budgets, but we are convinced that no better investment of our Lord's money could be made than by placing His gospel and the blessings and benefits of His churches before the masses of our people. This

effort will contemplate the use of the radio, newspapers, billboards, and all other legitimate mediums of advertising.

Suggestion: Every Baptist Church should be properly identified with name, also pastor's name. Brotherhood may undertake this as service project. Two types of outdoor bulletin boards are now available from Baptist Book Store, Jackson.)

Good advertising of the church and its services should be planned, with counsel of the pastor, and if there is no church committee on publicity, the Brotherhood may do what is needed in the way of billboard, placard, bulletin board, and other printed advertising.

MISSISSIPPI BROTHERHOOD GOALS, 1948

1. **New Brotherhoods.** One hundred new church Brotherhoods is the Mississippi goal for the year.

Suggestion: Attend Associational Brotherhood meetings, find out churches not organized;

Invite men in churches without Brotherhoods to meetings, send men to churches to explain plan. We urge every Brotherhood to try to organize one new one during 1948.

2. **New Associational Brotherhoods.** We earnestly seek to organize at least six new associational Brotherhoods in 1948. There is plenty of evidence that the best way to promote Baptist work is through the associational organization. If an association has two or more Brotherhoods organized, we shall anxiously await an invitation to help organize the association.

3. **Evangelistic Visitation.** Each church Brotherhood is urged to plan definite evangelistic visiting among unchurched and unsaved men at least once each month, in the evening or afternoon, to win them to Christ.

Suggestion: Ask pastor to lead men in study of soul-winning doctrines, scriptures, plans;

Set regular time Sunday afternoon
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DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH MUSIC

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PATSY BAILEY, Office Secretary

MAKE 1948 GREAT MUSICALLY

This should be Mississippi Baptist's greatest year musically. All indications lead us to believe that this will be our record at the close of the year.

Our State Officers, Lester White, Union; Mississippi, President; C. R. Haire, Pascagoula, Vice - president; Mrs. Burke C. Murphy, Indianola, Secretary; and Mrs. W. L. Compere, Jackson, Pianist, met with the District Music Directors W. C. Morgan, Vicksburg, Sam Jones, Indianola, Mrs. D. E. Clark, Calhoun City, Rev. Robert Palmer, Baldwin, Marion Davis, Columbus, Troy Prince, Newton, Mrs. C. C. Rogers, Collins and Rev. J. C. Pinson, Osyka for a state planning meeting in December.

Each association has elected an Associational Music Director. If one has not been elected, the District Music Director will appoint one for this year. These associational directors will work with the churches of the association in promoting the state, district, associational, and church music program for 1948.

Twenty-five Summer Field Workers will cover the entire state during June,

July, and August leading in Church Schools of Music. Only the best teachers in the state will be used in this work. Write us today for your choice of date and teacher. The school will cost your church \$40.00 and the Music Department will take care of the traveling expenses of the workers.

Our State Music Leadership Clinic planned for August 1-6 will help solve more problems than any one thing planned for the year.

October 1st and 2nd we will have our third State Music Convention. We believe that this will be our best yet.

Our new music Training Course with sixteen books, eight of which are already off the press and others coming off early in the new year will challenge all who want to improve their music.

Broadman Hymnals are available now for all churches. Our new hymn book "The Voice of Praise" will be a help in small churches and in our departments.

Let us make it a great year musically. Let all the people sing! Encourage the people to sing. "Praise ye the Lord, Praise His Holy Name . . ."

Department Of Temperance Activities

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RUTH STERLING, Office Secretary

The liquor crowd is expected to make a strong bid for the repeal of Mississippi's prohibition laws and for some sort of legalized liquor in their January session. Some of the legislative leaders are already openly working to this end. We need to remember that beverages alcohol breeds lawlessness, crime, prostitution, broken homes, wrecked lives, juvenile delinquency, heartaches and misery beyond words to describe. Any form of legalization would mean a great increase in drinking, also, a corresponding increase in the destruction caused by drink. There is far less drinking in Mississippi now (as bad as it is) than in our neighboring states where it is legalized. Those who know the facts, know that there will be more drinking if our prohibition laws are repealed. They must know also that it means the sacrifice of lives, homes, legitimate business, etc. The one main argument they use in their contention for legal booze is to gain revenue for the support of our school systems, highways, etc.

More for Schools?

In the Jackson Daily News of December 11, Dr. Guy T. Gillespie, president of Belhaven College, is quoted as saying: "Mississippi and Kansas are the only two states in the nation today that are solidly standing forth for prohibition. It is interesting to note that Mississippi and Kansas are

also the only two states in the nation that are not spending more on liquor than on education." If legalized whiskey would bring millions of dollars revenue into our state, I can never believe that our citizens have degenerated to the extent that they would ever be willing to sacrifice the homes, the happiness, the lives, our young people, and untold blood-shed for money with which to run the state. Moreover, we should not forget that the increased revenue would be offset by prosecution of crime caused by drink and the building of other institutions for those wrecked by Public Enemy No. 1, Liquor.

What Are You Doing?

Some one may ask, "What can I do about it?" Every citizen can and should express himself now. If everyone would contact his representatives and senators or write them a personal letter, and urge them to use their influence to strengthen and enforce our prohibition laws rather than some sort of repeal, it would have weight. Everyone of them should be contacted by hundreds of citizens from their counties. Let it not be said as was spoken by some senators when the Black Market Tax Law was up for repeal, that nobody from their county asked them to vote for the repeal of this infamous law. Do this now, lest it be "too little and too late."

Clarke College Faculty



PROVIDE EXCELLENT STUDENT-TEACHER RELATION

One of the chief reasons why Clarke College, Mississippi Baptists' Junior College at Newton, is recognized as "Mississippi's Most Unusual School" is the faculty. The student-faculty relation in the school is one of helpful friendliness. Any student may go to a member of the faculty with the assurance that he is a friend who desires to help him in every phase of his life.

Combining high scholastic training with heartfelt and unselfish interest in the boys and girls, the faculty is headed by Dr. W. E. Greene, native of Walhalla, South Carolina. A former student of the school he now heads, Dr. Greene also graduated at Mississippi College with the A. B. degree and holds the Th. D. from the New Orleans Seminary.

Administrative assistant and head of the Mathematics department is Dr. E. I. Farr of Meridian who is an A. B. graduate of Mississippi College and holds the Th. M. from New Orleans Seminary where he is working on his Th. D. Mrs. Farr, of McCall Creek, Miss., who is the librarian, holds the A. B. degree from Mississippi Woman's College and has done work toward the Library Science

degree at the University of Illinois.

Heading the strong Bible department is Dr. E. R. Pinson of Greenbrier, Tenn., A. B. graduate of Mississippi College, and Th. D. from New Orleans Seminary. Troy Price of Laurel, Miss., A. B. graduate of Mississippi College and B. D. graduate of the Southern Seminary in Louisville, teaches Bible. He is a former student of Clarke, also. Harry P. Dayton of Citronelle, Ala., teaches high school Bible, in addition to Social Science. He is also a graduate of Clarke and Mississippi College and holds the Th. M. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Upton Reynolds of Clarksdale, Miss., dean of men and Social Science teacher, is a B. S. graduate of Delta State, has the Th. M. from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, and has done residence work at Texas Christian University for his Master's.

Miss Nina Gay Whatley of Holly Pond, Ala., dean of women, is a graduate of the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, and has also studied at Livingston and Jacksonville Teachers' colleges, holds the A. B. degree from Howard College in Birmingham, and has done summer work at the University of Alabama and at Columbia University.

George T. Parker of McNeil, Ark., Science, Social Science, and Education professor, holds the B. S. degree from

Murray's State Teachers' college and the M. A. degree from the University of Kentucky.

Troy Mohon, Dean of Instruction and head of the Social Science department holds the A. B. from Mississippi College, and has done work toward his M. A. at George Peabody in Nashville. He is a native of Carpenter, Miss.

Miss Frances Browning of Starkville, heads the English department and teaches Spanish. She holds the A. B. degree from Blue Mountain and has done graduate work at Mississippi State and the University of Alabama.

Miss Vera Cochran of Hillsboro, teaches Home Economics. She is a graduate of Mississippi Woman's College, has done summer work at Louisiana State University and the University of Alabama.

Mrs. H. T. McLaurin of Newton teaches commerce. She is a Blue Mountain graduate and has done work at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Frances Townsend of Itta Bena, heads the Music Department. In addition to junior college work, she studied at Memphis State Teachers' College, Mississippi College, the St. Louis School of Music, and Washington University.

George Jenkins of Lucedale teaches English and Mathematics. An A. B. graduate of Mississippi College, he also holds the B. D. degree from the Southern Seminary in Louisville. Charley Sandifer of Clinton, A. B. from Mississippi College, and Th. M. from New Orleans Seminary, teaches English.

Laney Lanier of Daleville, Ala., business manager, attended Campbell College in Dothan, Ala., Baptist Collegiate Institute in Newton, Ala., and graduated at Clarke. Miss Selma Rhodes, Laurel, Miss., is college nurse. She attended Mississippi Woman's College, holds the B. M. T. from Southwestern Seminary and a diploma in Nursing from the Baylor University Hospital. She attended George Peabody College, and Vanderbilt University, also.

Louie Farmer, Jr., of Weatherford,

Tex., A. B., Baylor University, Th. M. and M. R. E., Southwestern Seminary, is the Baptist Student Union Secretary.

T. L. Everett of Braxton, B. S., Mississippi College, serves as Director of Housing, and Athletics, and teaches high school Science. Mrs. Everett is dietician. She attended Mississippi Woman's College and Millsaps.

Miss Zadeen Walton of Walnut Grove, graduated at Hillman and Mississippi Colleges and studied at the Louisville Training School. She is office secretary.

Mrs. X. E. Lee of Eddiceton also serves as office secretary. She attended Draughon's Business College in Jackson, and Clarke College.

Every member of the faculty is a Christian and devoted to the spiritual interests of the students. High character references are required by the administration, and no campus of its size can show a more outstanding Christian group than the Clarke College faculty. The impact these devoted teachers make on the lives of the student's can only be known in the Hereafter.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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or week to meet as group for prayer, then go witness to unsaved men;

Have reports of visits made each month at Brotherhood meetings.

4. Work with Boys. Each church Brotherhood should adopt some definite plan to encourage interest in and work with boys.

Suggestion: Discover men interested in boys, assign them to committees for work with Royal Ambassador boys and Counselor.

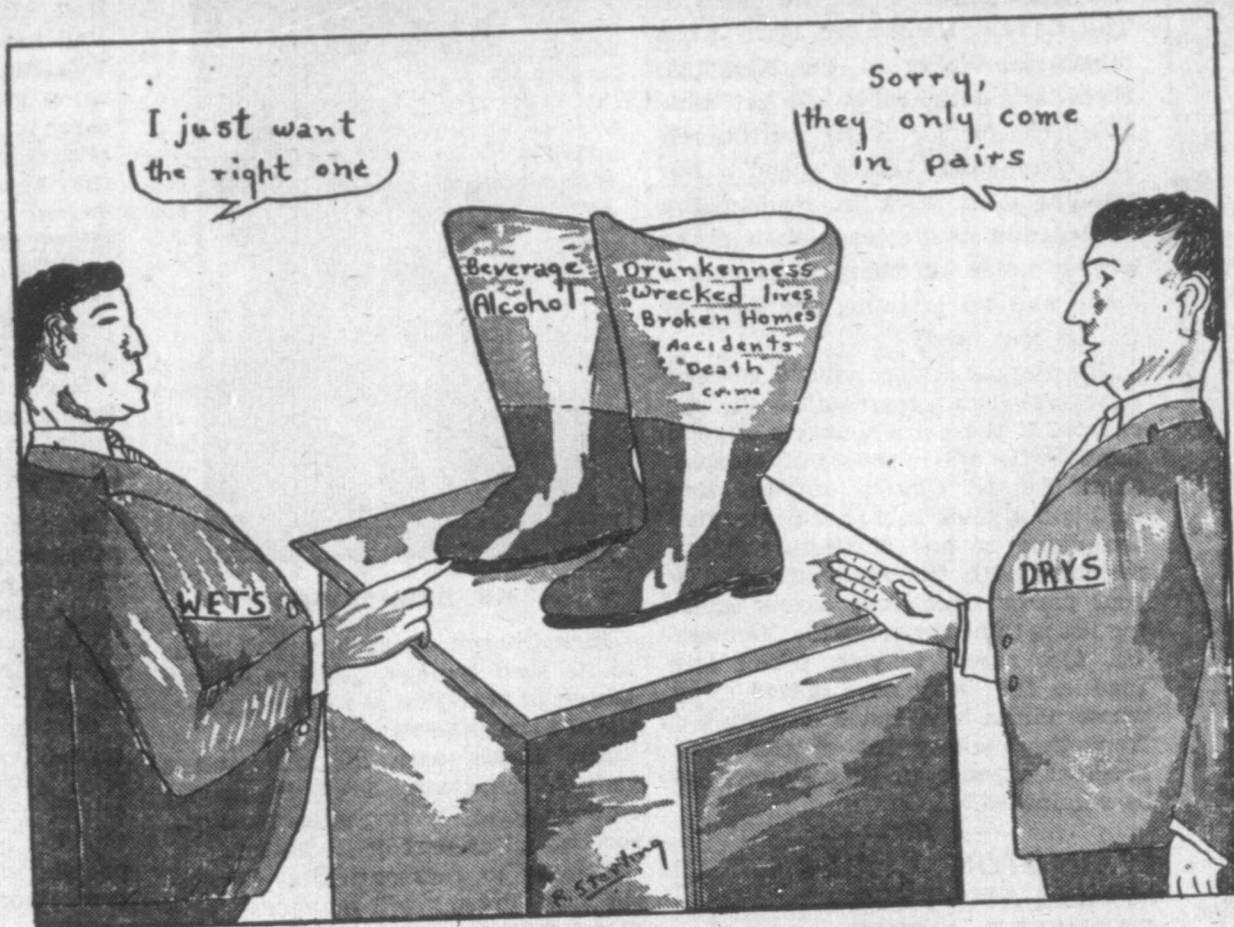
Have boys' group meet with Brotherhood during year, take part on program;

Give special attention to outdoor activities of boys, particularly in summer. Plan for men to associate with boys.

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BEVERAGE ALCOHOL - DESTRUCTION: Drunkenness, crime, death on the highways, broken homes, wrecked lives, juvenile delinquency, and bloodshed.
To legalize liquor under the pretense of securing revenue would mean increased drinking and therefore would multiply the destruction issuing from drink.
WHAT A BARGAIN!

--Woman's Missionary Union--

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y—Miss Nell Taylor

This letter from Miss Minnie Landrum is to ALL OF YOU. She has served at the Woman's Missionary Union Executive Secretary for Brazil for twenty five years and her service has been constant and consecrated. The excellent growth of the work under her leadership is a testimony as to the way in which the Lord has used her in this mission field.

(E. R.)

NEWS FROM BRAZIL Miss Minnie Landrum

My dear Mississippi Friends:

Here we are at the close of another year, and I have not kept the good resolution that I made at its beginning: to write you more often. I know there is no need to make excuses, but it does seem that the longer I stay on the foreign field the more complicated my life becomes and there is less time for letter-writing. I have, however, kept up with you through the Baptist Record and my heart has been made to rejoice many times over the heartening news of the progress in the Kingdom work that is being made in our grand old state.

Many have been our blessings during 1947. To enumerate all of them is impossible; but I would mention the good Annual meeting that we had in Recife, in January. The fellowship was so fine and the reports excellent. We heard that there are now 893 Baptist churches and 1,532 congregations in all of Brazil, with a membership of

84,433. There are 1,663 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 84,533 pupils; 911 Training Unions with 11,764 members and 1,400 WMU organizations with 33,136 members.

Another blessing was that of having some of the Baptist leaders visit us; among them were Mr. Ivyloy Bishop and Glendon McCullough and Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Dodd. The R. A. leaders won the love and admiration of the young people and prepared the hearts of the people for the organization of RA work. And we can never thank God enough for the rich messages that Dr. Dodd brought us during our Revival in the college church in September. There were about forty manifestations, and some of them have already made their profession of faith and been baptized—among them is Dona Darcilia Noronha. She comes from one of the best families and for a long time we have been trying to win her to Christ. Her father was a general in the Brazilian Army and for many years has been closely connected with our Baptist school here in Rio. Dona Darcilia has entered wholeheartedly in the activities of the church and her face beams with happiness. She sits on the front bench so that she will not miss any part of the worship hour and laments the many years that she has lost. She used to spend her Sunday afternoons doing embroidery and other hand work, but now she spends the time reading the Bible to her mother. Pray with us that she may be given the

joy of leading other members of her family to Christ.

And still another outstanding blessing is that of seeing the work started on the Training School building for South Brazil. This is one of our cherished dreams for many years. Our constructor promises the building to us for the 1949 term which begins in March. Prices are very high, day labor far too high and many materials still very scarce so we know that there are many headaches in store for many of us before the building is finished, but we feel that He who has led us thus far will lead all the way. We are very grateful to the friends who are making the building possible through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

We also count among our blessings that of the coming of three new missionaries to South Brazil, they are expecting Miss Josephine Withauer in December, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hatton, in February. We receive them with open arms because our need for new recruits is very great. We pray that God will richly bless them as they launch out into the big task of witnessing for God and laboring with and for Him in making that Plan of Salvation known to the millions here who have not yet heard the Christmas story.

Some sadness has come along with the blessings, and that which stands out above all else was the long and serious illness and death of Miss Albertine Meador, one of our new missionaries. She was laying the foundation for a good solid work in the WMU in the state of Espirito Santo. On one of her long trips in the interior of that state she contracted typhoid and after 4 days of intense suffering God saw fit to call her to be with Him. Her

testimonies of love and faith in God and her desire to win souls for Jesus were wonderful. We know we must not question why God took her so early in her missionary career. At a memorial service held for her two weeks ago, there were forty young people to dedicate their lives on the altar of Christian service. So we feel that her courage and passion for lost souls will live on and on in the lives of these and other young people and that many generations will be greatly blessed and benefitted by this life that was of a short duration but filled with fruitful service. Pray that God will send at least two other young women to take her place in the WMU work in the state of Espirito Santo.

The Mississippi missionaries, who live in Rio, join with me in thanking all of the friends who made a contribution toward the purchase of a car. We were delighted to see the Plymouth as it made its appearance on the 20th of November and I can assure you, that is a real missionary - fully dedicated to the Lord's work. It is the only car among the 25 members of the missionary family in Rio. May God bless and recompense you as only He can for this another manifestation of your love and interest in the mission work in far-away Brazil.

Expressing my love and appreciation to all Mississippi friends and wishing for each and every one a very joyful Yuletide and New Year,

I am sincerely,

MINNIE LANDRUM

—BR—

Harold E. Ingraham has an interesting article in the January Sunday school Builder concerning the churchwide New Year's Installation Banquet at First Church, Jackson, Dr. W. Douglass Hudgins, pastor.

GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13c and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that they profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

COLUMBIA FIRST SENDS LIST

First Church, Columbia, gave the Baptist Record a boost toward the 60,000 circulation mark by sending an additional list of 103 names. These names added to the 13 already on the paid list make a total of 116 Baptist Records now going to this good church. Rev. James T. Horton is the pastor, and was the driving force behind this good list.

Other names are expected to be added in the near future.

Baptist Record readers in Marion County are now listed as follows: Bunker Hill 102, Cedar Grove 37, Columbia 116, East Columbia 60, Foxworth 105, Goss 72, Greenville 26, Hickory Grove 8, Holly Springs 33, Hub 1, Improve 72, Kokomo 46, New Hope 78, North Columbia 1, Oloh 54, Sandy Hook 6, Spring Cottage 19, White Bluff 1, Cedar Creek 43, Shiloh 25.

ALGOMA IS NUMBER 887

I have reasons for welcoming Algoma to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. I welcome it because it increases the circulation of the Baptist Record and because it the Baptist Record and because I once served as pastor at Algoma.

It has taken several years to get Algoma on the EVERY FAMILY list, but when Rev. L. F. Haire became pastor I knew that it wouldn't be long. It wasn't.

Record readers in Pontotoc county are now listed as follows: Algoma 53, Cherry Creek 50, Duncan Creek 4, Ecu 6, Endville 27, Furrs 32, Lonview 71, Locust Hill 22, Pontotoc First 171, Randolph 2, Shady Grove 1, Tocopola 33, Troxish 27, West Heights 20, Ecu 6, Endville 27, Furrs 32, Long-Zion 20.

TAYLOR'S PLAN

Rev. G. L. Taylor, pastor of Murphy Creek Church, Winston County, has a good plan to increase interest in the Baptist Record among the members of his church.

Quoted below is a page taken from the weekly bulletin calling attention to some interesting features of the Baptist Record.

WORTHWHILE READING FOUND IN "THE BAPTIST RECORD"

ARTICLES especially interesting this week: PROTESTANT STRENGTH INCREASING IN ITALY - (Page 1). BROTHERHOOD POINTS TO CHRIST BY EXAMPLE - (Page 1). SOME CHURCH MANNERS - (Page 4). SAMPLE CHURCH BUDGETS - (Page 5). HODGE ISSUES STATEMENT ABOUT CONVENTION PROGRAM - (Page 8).

(NOTE: This explains why your pastor did not have much to tell you about your State Convention) MURPHY CREEK GROWS - (Page 10). DEPARTMENTS that we should read EVERY WEEK: MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS - THE EDITORIALS - SUNDAY SCHOOL - TEMPERANCE ACTIVITIES - BROTHERHOOD - WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION - BAPTIST TRAINING UNION - CHURCH MUSIC

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE.

Yes, from the pages of our own denominational state paper, thanks to our fine editor, Dr. Goodrich, we can learn much. From the pages of The Baptist Record we learn what others are doing in the Kingdom. From their activities we can get valuable ideas for use in our own Church and community. Let us spend a few minutes each week in reading the Record and as we read let us make a few notes of things others are doing and try adapting the ideas to fit our own needs.

The Baptist Record should be read in every home represented in our church. If there are members of your family who are members of Murphy Creek Baptist Church and the Record is not going into your home, give the name of one of those church members with the Route number to your pastor right away as our mailing list is to be revised before January 1st. Also report to your pastor any families that may have moved away whose names have not been removed from the mailing list so that any needless expense in this manner be eliminated.

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LEXINGTON CHURCH MAKES ANOTHER FORWARD MOVE

Under the direction of Miss Kathleen Bush, Educational Director, and the Pastor, L. E. Burnette, the Lexington Church has moved along in another step to keep the membership informed with the distributing of "The Baptist News," a local monthly publication.

"The Baptist News" is published the first of each month and mailed to each member of the church. The purpose of this bulletin of information is to keep all the membership informed of the plans for the month ahead.

Condensed information includes a dated and timed month of activities in all departments with special emphasis upon the Sunday and mid-week services.

It is believed that if the people know what is being offered in a definite way each month more will be encouraged to attend. It is also believed that all the members should know of the highlights of the previous month.

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Benton Resigns Post As Evangelist

Rev. B. H. Benton after almost two years as State Evangelist and Stewardship Director, has resigned effective January 1.

During these two years Mr. Benton has conducted 48 revivals, organized seven churches, enlisted 1000 tithers, had 450 professions of faith and 178 additions by letter, and 986 dedications. Eight have surrendered for full time work, two for Missionary service, and five have entered the ministry.

—BR—

Dr. B. C. Land, Director of Stewardship Promotion for Alabama Baptists, recently led in a stewardship revival at First Church, Texarkana. Prior to this stewardship revival a budget of \$62,500 had been adopted. But on the last Sunday of the stewardship revival they subscribed \$77,000 with more expected. Rev. Carl E. Bates, a native of Liberty, Mississippi, and a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, is the pastor. His wife is the former Miss Myra Grey of Tupelo.

Reid Moore Coming To Jackson First



MR. REID MOORE

First Church, Jackson, will welcome to its staff Sunday, January 4, Reid Moore, of Memphis, as full time Director of Music and Recreation.

Mr. Moore, with his wife and 8 year old son, George, are living at 1516 Howard Street, having moved to Jackson the latter part of December.

Coming to Jackson's First Church, the new director will inaugurate and direct a church wide, full time music program. He will have direction of the church's program of recreation, also, and serve as general associate to the pastor.

For a number of months Mr. Moore has been director of the choir at the Bellevue Church, Memphis, and prior to that time was director of the choir at St. Luke's Church, in Memphis. He is a native of Tennessee and a former student in the Music Department of Southwestern University. Besides being an accomplished director, Mr. Moore is a splendid tenor soloist and plays the violin.

The new staff member carries on the work director during the last few years by Richard King, who resigned his post last October. This is the first time the Jackson church has had a full time Director of Music, and the pastor Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins is enthusiastic about the possibility of music development created by this forward step.

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Oakland Ordains Two Deacons; Pastor Magee Moves On Field

Oakland Church recently ordained L. L. Dollarhite and Thomas Holland to the Diaconate. The following ministers were present and assisted in the ordination: Milstead, Kermit Canterbury, Charles Everett, R. Campbell, A. L. O'Brien, E. L. Solly, and Charles Magee. Among the deacons present were: W. M. Pritchard, I. P. Raspberry, T. T. Gooch, J. W. Mullen, and J. I. Haynes. The Ordination Sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Canterbury and the charge was delivered by Rev. Mr. Milstead. The Ordination Prayer was led by I. P. Raspberry.

The Ordination of Baptism was administered to one candidate from Scobey Church does not have a Baptistry.

Rev. Charles Magee began serving as pastor in Oakland in September and plans to move to Oakland from Indianola about January 1. He is serving three churches in the vicinity of Oakland.

DR. B. B. HALL RETIRES FROM ACTIVE MINISTRY

It was with regrets that the Woodville Baptist Church accepted the resignation of their pastor, Dr. B. B. Hall, effective December 1, 1947. Dr. Hall has served the people of Woodville for a period of five years and seven months. He and his good wife came to Woodville from Roaling Fork, Mississippi in 1942 and during the time they have been in Woodville have endeared themselves to all who have known them.

Dr. Hall has completed fifty years of active service in the ministry. His resignation came on his seventieth birthday.

Reverend and Mrs. Hall will make their home in Natchez.

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Blue Mtn. YWA Gives \$203

Blue Mountain, Miss., Dec. 17 — Miss Alfalene Jolly, president of the general Y.W.A. at Blue Mountain College, advises that the eight Y. W. A. circles on the campus had their annual Lottie Moon offering last week which totaled \$203.79.

Christmas gifts were sent to the several extension mission Sunday schools. The Life Service Band of the college fostered this. Miss Jolly says that the hope of each member was to put Christ into Christmas for many this season.

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Lowell C. Alexander has been named secretary of music in Louisiana.

Christmas songs referring to the birth of Jesus or having religious significance may not be sung in 23 public schools in Brooklyn according to a ruling of the superintendent's office there.

NOTICE OF CHARGES

The Editor and Business Manager desire to treat all the same in the using of space in The Baptist Record. It belongs to all. Larger resolutions passed by churches have become something of a problem to the editor. After talking together, the following charges for space will be observed:

Resolutions up to 100 words will be printed free of charge. Above 100 words, one cent (1c) per word will be charged.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

BELIEFS THAT MATTER, John 20:30, 31; Acts 16:11-15; I Tim. 4:16; I John 5:1-5.

I. Time and Place. The gospel and the First Epistle of John were written somewhere between A. D. 90 and 95; Lydia was converted probably in A. D. 52; Paul wrote the First Epistle to Timothy probably in A. D. 64.

Just where John wrote his gospel and First Epistle is not certainly known, though the tradition that he wrote them in Ephesus has not been successfully controverted. Phillippi was an important city located in that portion of Northern Greece known as Macedonia, realm of Philip the Great and birthplace and beyond the home of Alexander the Conqueror.

II. John's Purpose in Writing His Gospel (John 20, 30, 31). Read this passage. I have counseled my students to memorize this passage, as it gives in his own words John's reason for writing it. His purpose he sets forth distinctly. John wrote the last of the four, and he had no thought to corroborate or contradict the other three, but to serve a well-planned purpose of his own. That purpose was to bring his readers to the same belief with which his own heart was filled and thrilled. He consequently selected from the life-activities of his Master the facts and testimonies which had the most effectually contributed to the strength of his own faith. It is from the record of these activities that the gospel of John originated. That ye may believe," where, by the use of the pronoun "ye" he meant certain definite Christians whom he regarded as representing the whole body of believers not only, but all who might read the words he had written, and he wanted that his readers might know that Jesus (the babe of Nazareth, the Galilean lad who visited the Temple in old Jerusalem at the age of twelve, the youth whom John the Baptist buried beneath the waters of Jordan, the man who was tempted, who wrought and taught for three years in His native country, then suffered under Christ, the Son of God," but this is not all; John's ultimate purpose is stated in the words, "That believing ye may have life in His name". Well, what did John mean by, "believing"? Very much more than an intellectual acknowledgement of certain facts about Christ. John means putting trust in Christ as Lord, receiving Him as Saviour, manifesting His name in the world, yielding His lordship over the life. It is such a faith in Christ as fruits in an altered mode of living.

III. How the Lord Gives Light. Acts 16:11-15. Read this hero story. A Missionary of the cross of Christ is here seen grappling with the king of darkness for possession of the citadel of a worthy woman's heart. The missionary has come at the command of his Lord into a new continent, and is seeking a point to rattle upon a strategic stronghold of sin. He finds to object of his search in meeting of women gathered for prayer in a place of prayer outside a city by a river side. In this meeting is one woman whose name had become immortal as the first convert of Lydia in Asia

The Covington County Baptist Pastor's meeting, according to Rev. James H. Fairchild, chairman of the Program Committee, will be held at Collins in the Baptist Church on January 2 from 10 until one o'clock. Rev. H. L. Fewell will preside. The song period will be led by O. B. Renick and the Devotional by S. F. Carlisle. A report of the previous meeting will be made by W. M. McGehee. After the business session and the report of committees J. H. Fairchild will discuss Denominational Activities and J. H. Street the Book of Ephesians. After special music a New Year's message will be delivered by J. Reese Rogers. Lunch will be served at the church.

The many friends of Dr. T. W. Greene will learn with regret that Mrs. Greene passed away in a Vicksburg Hospital on December 10. She had undergone a major operation and seemed to be on the road to recovery. A fuller account will be in a forthcoming issue of the Baptist Record. Dr. Greene had only recently retired from the active pastorate and had bought a home at 352 Wacaster Street, Jackson.

Minor. Look at her. She, although unsaved, is devoutly religious. She has come to a prayer meeting in search of God and is eager to be found by Him. God's messenger comes to the meeting and Lydia sees him and hears him speak of the Saviour. She listens, eager to know the truth and to do it. The Lord knows about her desire, and enables her to give the more earnest and intelligent heed to what the preacher says. As He does in this case, the Lord always does. The result in this case is always the result. Those who seek shall find, those who will to do His will shall know. Mark the result of Lydia's conversion. "If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord," make your home at my house while your are serving the Lord hereabout. The new convert wants to help serve, since she has received Jesus as Lord. From cause to effect with never a variation.

IV. The rule for the Christian Worker. "Take heed to thyself, and to thy teaching" II Tim. 4:16. The Christian's first responsibility to himself and his Lord, is to take heed to himself, both as to what he does and to what he teaches. If he shall practice the truth, he will teach it, and he will continue to teach it only if he shall continue to practice it. He must never cease to do the former if he would continue to do the latter.

V. Stages in the Christian's Becoming. I John 5:1-5. God begets into His own nature the person who believes in Jesus, and thus believer becomes a child of God. The child of God becomes a lover of his fellow-Christians because they are his brothers in Christ. Beyond this again he becomes a lover of God's perfect law so that he keeps God's commandments and finds them not irksome but delightful. And beyond this and because of this victory over the world already gained, he becomes victor over all the wickedness of the world. His faith is the victory, not "gets the victory," but "Is the victory that hath overcome the world." I give you the hero of the ages: "He that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God." Already He has set his victorious foot upon the neck of a prostrate world. Already the heart of him is ravished with the thrill of victory. Already the victor's crown awaits him, held by the Righteous Judge who says, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life."

DR. I. G. GREER RESIGNS AS N. C. ORPHANAGE SUPT.

By W. G. Mize, Sup't.
Baptist Orphanage

According to Charity and Children, the official publication of The Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, known as The Mills Home, the General Superintendent, Dr. I. G. Greer has resigned his position to take effect December 21, 1947. Dr. Greer is leaving the Orphanage to become executive vice-president and Manager of the Business Foundation of North Carolina.

Dr. Greer has been superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina for the past 15 years. During this time he has done a splendid job

and has brought the Orphanage into a place of prominence not only in his own state and the Southland but throughout the entire United States.

During the week of November 28th to December 5, 1947, the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina received in cash contributions from the Thanksgiving and current funds the amount of \$50,150.56. For the year 1947 through December 7, total cash contributions have amounted to \$345,635.81. The largest Thanksgiving contribution thus far received came from First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem in the amount of \$4,505.66.

A good Mississippi town needs a physician. Free office quarters are available and an oil field is nearby. The doctor who recently died averaged over \$10,000 per year. For information write Doctor, care the Baptist Record.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

December 21, 1947

	S.S.	B.T.U.
Brookhaven	778	208
Jackson, Calvary	1,293	375
Jackson, Calvary, including		
Stone St. Mission	1,370	422
Jackson, Van Winkle	312	214
Durant	219	
Mantee	161	35
Laurel, Beacon Baptist	255	116
Chester, Choctaw County	43	
Gulfport, First	558	158
Chalybeate	55	35
Crystal Springs	675	115
Corinth, Tate St.	210	87
Houlka, Chickasaw		
County	124	47
Grenada, First	537	115
Pascagoula, First	591	201
Centerville Baptist	167	
Greenwood, First	470	
East McComb	448	225
West Laurel	462	112
New Albany, First	579	196
(Including North Side		
Mission)	607	
Hattiesburg, Fifth Ave.	427	151
Booneville, First	271	139
Murphy Creek		
Winston County	126	77
South Laurel	84	61
Columbus, First	695	206
O'Tuckaloosa		
Yalobusha County	86	
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County	61	46
Byram	115	160
New Zion, Copiah County	101	45

December 28, 1947

Brookhaven	593	182
Jackson, Davis Memorial	243	73
Jackson, First	828	292
Jackson, Calvary	948	280
Jackson, Calvary, including		
Stone St. Mission	983	302
Jackson, Van Winkle	279	165
Byram	85	95
Myrick, Jones County	131	93
Brownville, First	220	115
Grenada, First	364	80
West Laurel	385	120
New Albany, First	404	165
(Including North Side		
Mission)	427	
Hattiesburg, Fifth Ave.	378	144
Oak Grove, Calhoun County	77	63
Cross Roads, Webster		
County	72	75
East Columbia		
Marion County	84	61
Oloh, Marion County	72	91
Chester, Choctaw County	78	
Durant	141	60
New Zion, Copiah County	73	51
East McComb	354	221
Hattiesburg, Main St.	551	187
Liberty Hill		
Pahola County	67	44
Chalybeate	68	36
Rocky Springs, Claiborne	21	
Laurel, Beacon Baptist	266	75
Centerville	144	40
Gulfport, First	398	115
Murphy Creek, Louisville	68	50
Houlka, Chickasaw		
County	99	45
Pascagoula, First	423	110
New Prospect		
DeSoto County	67	72
Pleasant Valley		
Simpson County	106	
Siloam, Simpson County	69	54
Soso	90	68
Greenville, First	513	167
West Corinth	156	93
Crystal Springs	545	108
Friendship, Pike County	116	123
South Laurel	81	62

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- No. 6. "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone," "I've Been Listening."
- No. 7. "I'm Winging My Way Back Home," "In The Garden."
- No. 8. "A Beautiful Life," "Keep On The Firing Line."
- No. 9. "When He Calls I'll Fly Away," "The Old Rugged Cross."
- No. 10. "Tis Wonderful To Me," "When They Ring The Golden Bells."
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Newton Honors Memory Of First Convention President

Anderson, S. C. —(BP)— Dr. Louie D. Newton, 24th president of the Southern Baptist Convention has placed a wreath on the grave of Rev. William B. Johnson who served as first president of the Convention more than a century ago.

Reverend Johnson, whose grave is in the cemetery adjoining the First Baptist Church here, was first president of the Triennial Convention of American Baptists before organization of the Southern Convention in 1845, first president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and first president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention. He founded Johnson Female Institute which later became Anderson College.

Dr. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta, was here for a revival at First Baptist Church.

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Georgia Baptists Condemn Easy Divorce Laws

ATLANTA, Ga. —(RNS)— Georgia's "easy" divorce laws were condemned by 3,000 persons attending the 126th meeting of the Georgia Baptist Convention here.

The Baptist appointed a publicity committee to bring public sentiment on marriage into harmony with "the teachings of Christ" and went on record as favoring pre-marital physical examinations.

Protesting against illegal liquor sales, the Convention adopted a resolution allying itself with a movement against the sale of alcoholic beverages within three miles of schools and churches which are located outside of incorporated towns.

Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas, told the Convention that democracy in the church is a great denominational need.

"Too many decisions are being made by ministers that should be made by congregations," he asserted.

Columbus Roberts, retired Columbus, Ga., businessman who has given more than \$1,000,000 to Baptist colleges in the state, was unanimously reelected president of the Convention.

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Kentucky Baptists Protest Undermining Principles

The General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, representing more than 450,000 persons, meeting in annual session November 11-13, 1947, with First church, Owensboro, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"Moved that our secretary be instructed by this body to write to the president of the United States, and to both United States senators from Kentucky and to all United States congressmen from Kentucky, and express to them our disapproval of all the ways in which the basic principle of the separation of church and state is being undermined:

"(1) by the transportation of children in public busses to parochial schools;

"(2) by supplying surplus buildings and equipment, paid for out of public funds, to non-public institutions;

"(3) by permitting teachers in religious garb to teach in the public schools and carry on what is, in fact, a parochial education at public expense;

"(4) by making available a personal representative of the president of the United States at the Vatican.

"And that the above mentioned law-

CHRIST'S SUMMONS TO SOUTHERN BAPTISTS



When? — "After that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and
Who? — Ye (every Christian) shall be witnesses.
Unto Whom? — Unto Me (Christ) both in
Where? — Jerusalem (City Missions), and in all
Judea (State Missions), and in
Samaría (Home Missions), and unto the
Uttermost Part of the earth" (Foreign Missions).
(Acts 1:8).

Japan: After Two Years Of Peace

The help that has come from America has been a paramount factor in restoring self respect to the Japanese people. It has heightened their admiration for the democratic process. And they have shown a keen new interest in Christianity—since virtually all of the aid from the United States has come through church agencies.

It is the opinion of Dr. G. E. Bott, who has just returned that the hard-pressed Japanese feel that this help from their former enemies signalizes faith in Japan's ability to make a contribution to the world community. At the same time it has deepened their regret for their country's role in the war with the United States.

"This ministry of relief has removed the occupation out of the context of domination. The fact these supplies—sent largely by Christians—have distributed without religious discrimination, has made the impact of Christianity on the nation many times greater than a program limited to church members." The Japanese, moreover, see in the American gifts a sign that America does not want revenge with victory. Japan's people are reciprocating with their friendship and eagerness to learn more about the American way of life.

The Ministry of Welfare, according to Dr. Bott, estimates that aid has reached at least 400,000 people, including many war orphans.

"Almost every social worker in the country has had some contact with the relief program, and large numbers of Japanese have heard of it. This work has had an effect out of proportion to the quantity of aid administered because of the good will it has generated." Aside from the moral features, Dr. Bott emphasizes that the program has kept thousands alive.

His estimate is that the crucial need will continue for another two or three years. The clothing situation is equally desperate, with the average Japanese getting little more than one pound of clothing and thread in a year.

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Unlike any other book, the appeal of the Bible is both universally personal and personally universal. . . John L. Hill in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

makers of Kentucky be requested to urge an amendment to Senator Taft's bill, S-472, to provide that no federal funds shall be available for sectarian schools."

Tithing Boosts Gifts 30 Per Cent In Illinois

CARBONDALE, Ill. —(BP)— Dr. Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary of Illinois Baptists, said that a survey of 52 churches in the state revealed a 30 per cent increase in gifts the first month of the Southern Baptist "test the tithe" program.

Dr. Taylor said that the number of tithers in the 52 churches increased from 1785 to 2940, and that the contributions in these churches increased from \$34,316.62 in September to \$34,092.26 in October.

The churches surveyed are said by Dr. Taylor to be representative of all the state and range in size from 14 members to more than 1000 members.

While the October offerings revealed a \$9,000 increase over September, the gain over October 1946 was \$13,000. The per capita contributions of the membership increased from \$1.68 in October, 1946 to \$2.29 in October, 1947.

Similar increases throughout the state would mean an increase of 1,000,000 in receipts by Illinois churches during 1948, Dr. Taylor said. He pleaded that church budgets will be adjusted to allow state and Southwide Co-operative Program objects to share in the increase. "After calling upon their members to give unselfishly, some of the churches may selfishly keep all the increase to themselves. But will the Lord bless selfish churches?" he said.

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God's judgment will come on any nation that deserts him and violates the sacredness of human personality. . . T. B. Maston in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

Louisville Seminary Students Respond With Gifts For Station Wagon For Fellow Students In Hungarian Seminary

Students of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., have started a drive to raise funds for the purchase of a station wagon to be given to their fellow students in the Hungarian Baptist Theological Seminary at Budapest.

The campaign opened spontaneously following an address by Dr. Bela Udvarnoki, president of the Hungarian seminary, while visiting recently the Louisville school, of which he is an alumnus. Dr. Udvarnoki said that a serious problem of food shortage at his school would be solved if transportation could be secured to and

from farms in the Budapest area.

Farmers of Hungary are experiencing no food shortage and Baptists among them have expressed a willingness to share with the students of his seminary, Dr. Udvarnoki said, but have no means of getting their food donations to the seminary.

An anonymous donation of \$25, from one of the Southern Seminary students, started the drive. It is hoped that a station wagon can be secured by the time Dr. and Mrs. Udvarnoki leave for their return to Hungary, next February, and that they can take the automobile with them.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL FACES CHURCH-STATE ISSUE

HOUSTON, Texas —(RNS)— Separation of Church and state indirectly entered into a discussion of the Baptist Memorial Hospital here during a meeting of the Baptist Pastors Conference of Houston.

John G. Dudley, superintendent of the hospital, making a report to the conference, outlined a law passed by Congress setting up a multi-million dollar fund for aiding hospital construction throughout the nation.

Dudley said the hospital was going to have to "take a back seat" to other denominational and community hospitals if it did not accept funds from the government. Otherwise, he said, expansion is "up to the Baptists."

"If we are not going to accept money from the government, how are we going to expand?" he asked.

No action was taken on his report.

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The Northeast Central Pastor's Conference will meet at Mathiston on January 5. The following program has been arranged:

Devotional—J. B. Wages; Study in Romans—I. F. Metts; Open Discussion; Sermon—S. C. Mullens; Lunch; Foreign Relief; The Pastor's Place in Church Evangelism; Discussion; Business and Adjournment.

Recent visitors to the Baptist Record Office are: Ollie H. Tollar, Columbia; Rev. Bob Patterson, Clinton; A. H. Weathersby, Canton; Rev. Troy Prince, Clarke College; Rev. G. T. Dukes, Silver Creek; Rev. J. L. Moore, Dossville; Rev. James B. Ray, Pineville, Kentucky; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Rev. Charles L. Phipps, Jackson; Rev. K. Z. Stevens, Columbus; L. E. Cliburn, Philadelphia; Herbert Batson, Clinton.

The church - at Hardy in Grenada County burned Saturday afternoon, Dec. 20—Cause unknown. Plans for a new building will be made in the near future. Hardy is a live country church, full time, with Rev. R. B. Smith as pastor. Mr. Smith, his wife and two little girls live on the field.

Beulah church, Simpson county has called Rev. Ford Parker as Pastor to succeed Rev. D. Moulder who has retired after a pastorate of 37 years. Mr. Parker is a student at Clarke college.

The church has advanced from quarter to half time services, a Brotherhood was recently organized and a Butane heating system has been installed in the church.

The Sunday school has adopted a plan whereby the classes take 10% of the offering each Sunday for missions.

The Bible is the world Book in that it alone answers question which at some time arise in every human heart. . . John L. Hill in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.